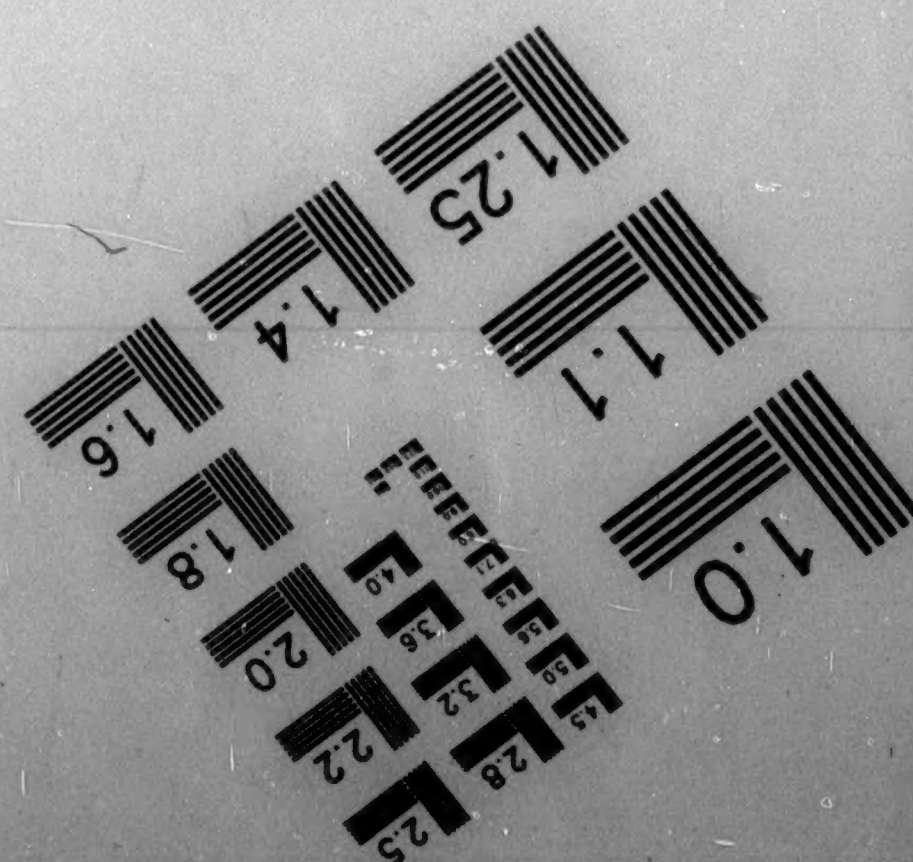
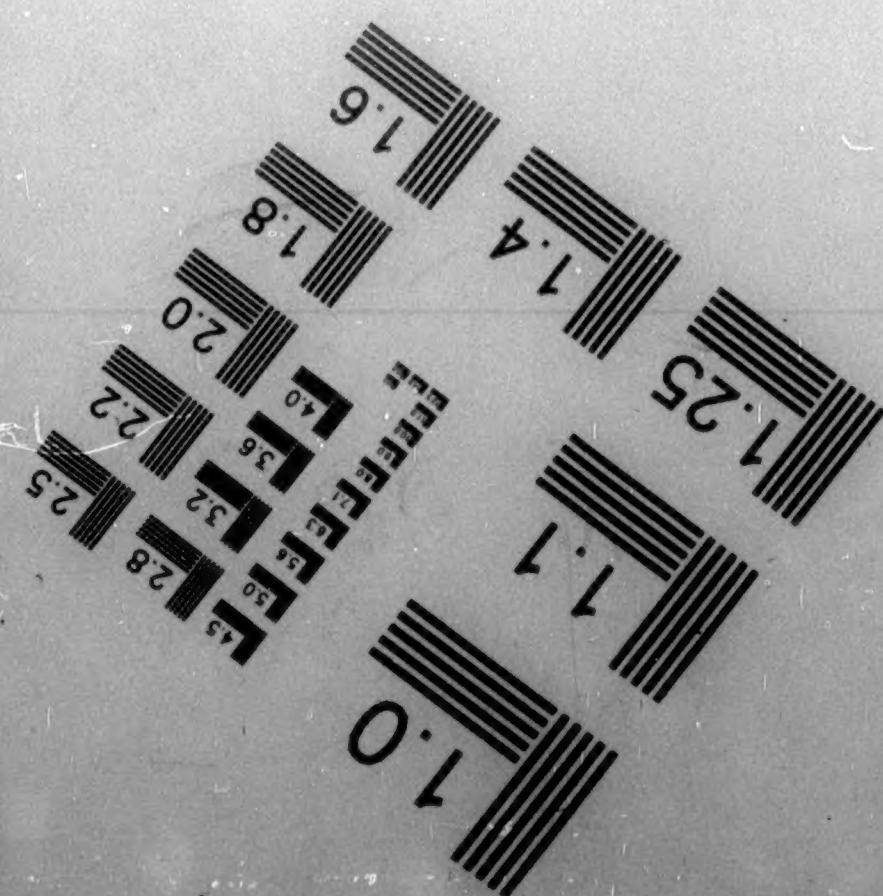
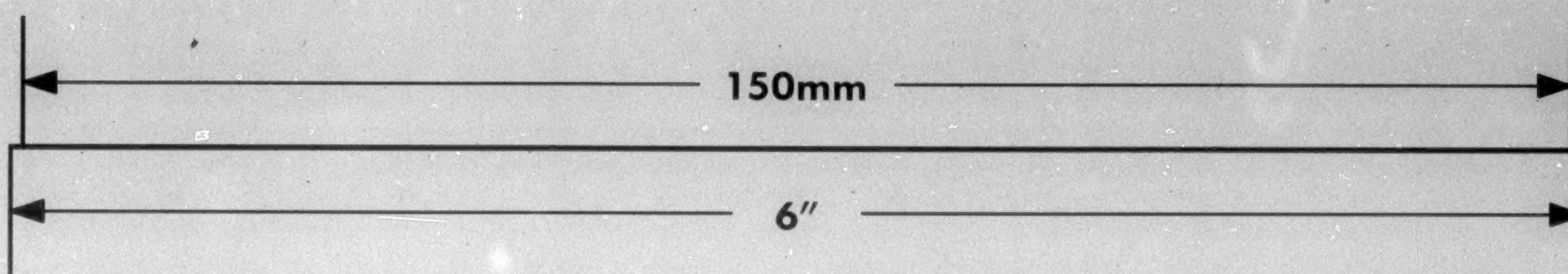
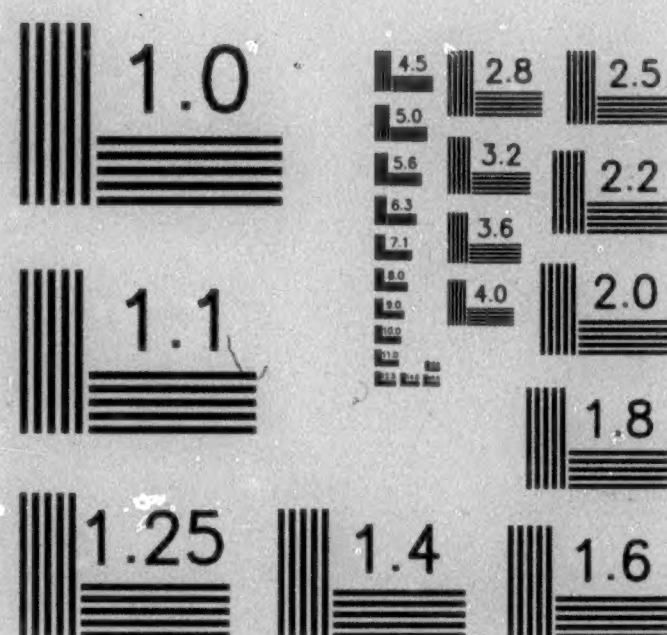
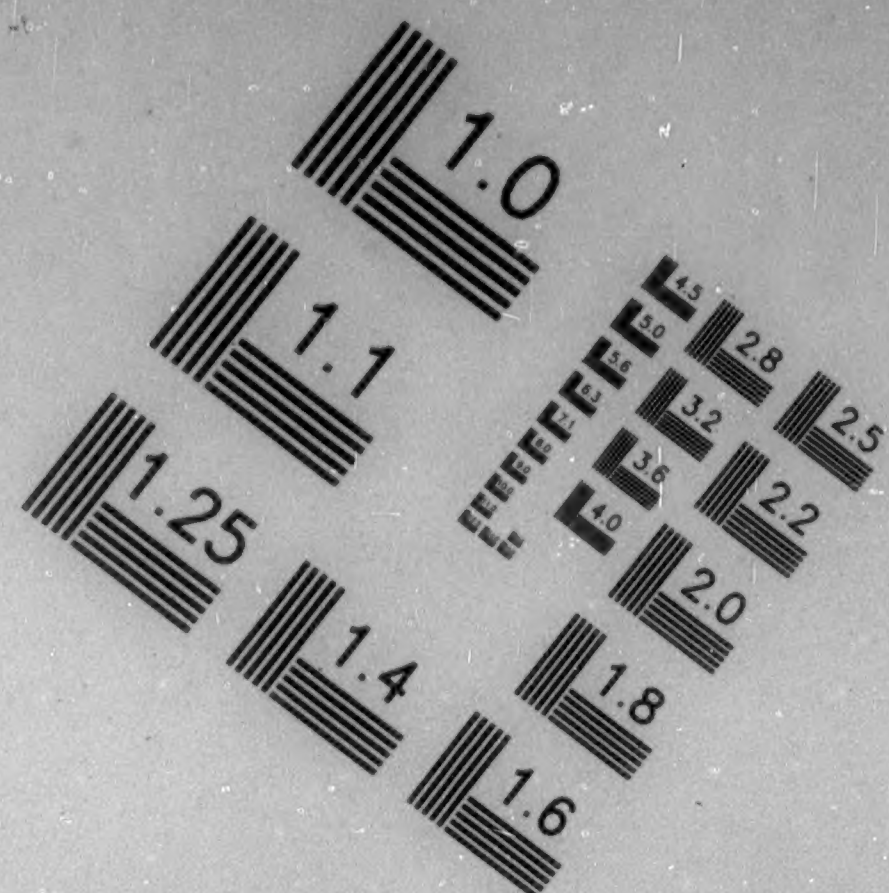
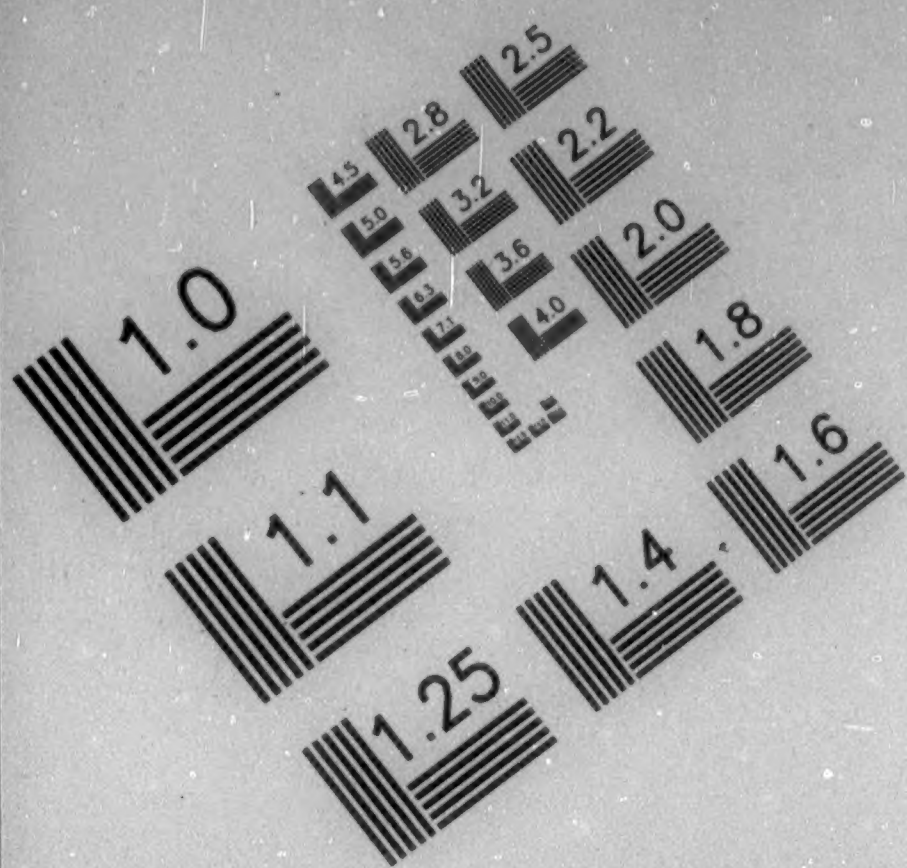




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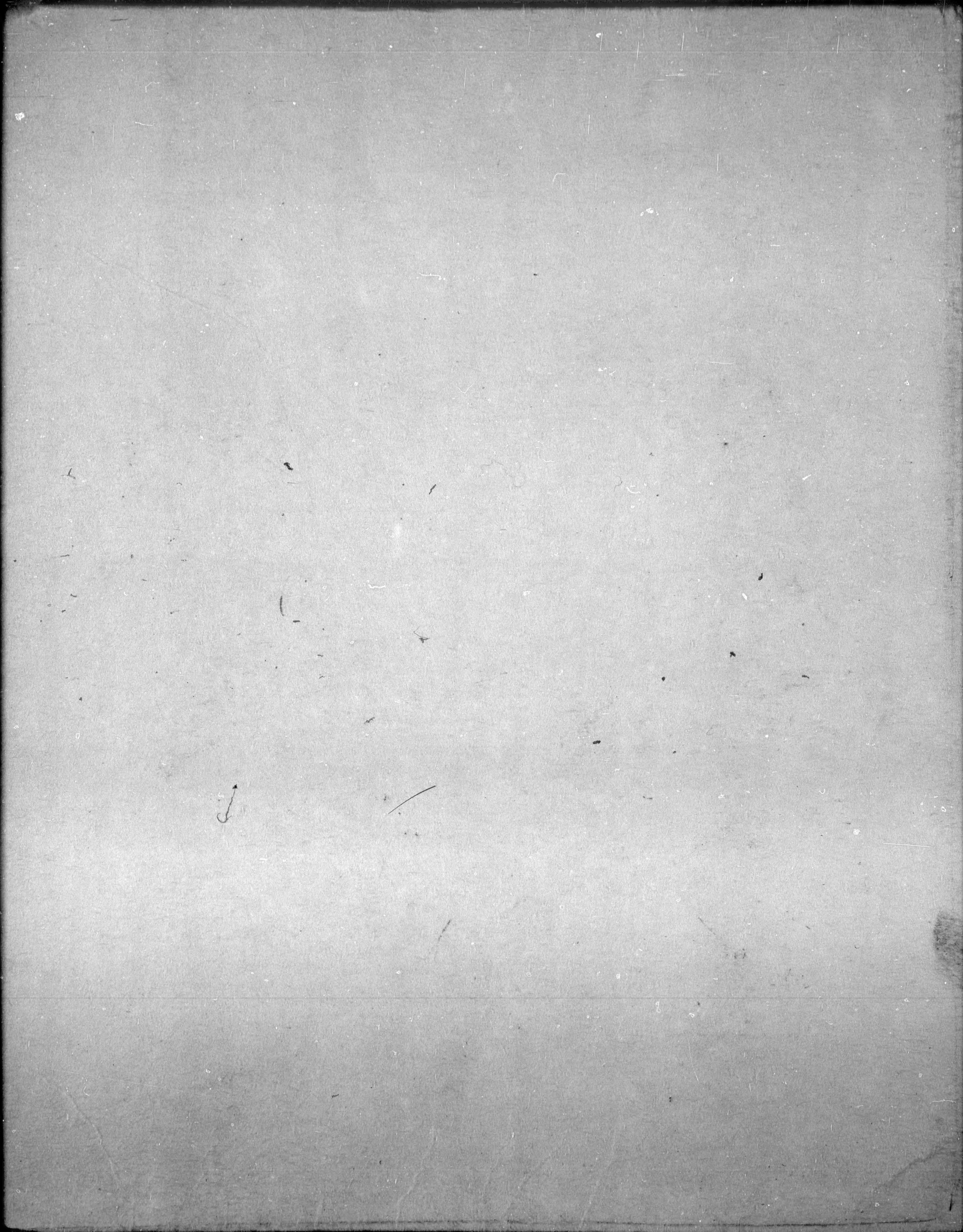
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INTRODUCTION

On the 42 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1906, are reproduced the records of the Maryland and Delaware field offices of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872. These records consist of bound volumes and unbound records, containing materials that include letters and endorsements sent and received, orders and circulars, monthly reports, and other records relating to freedmen's complaints and claims. These records are part of the Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105.

HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, also known as the Freedmen's Bureau, was established in the War Department by an act of Congress on March 3, 1865 (13 Stat. 507). The life of the Bureau was extended twice by acts of July 16, 1866 (14 Stat. 173), and July 6, 1868 (15 Stat. 83). The Bureau was responsible for the supervision and management of all matters relating to refugees and freedmen, and of lands abandoned or seized during the Civil War. In May 1865, President Andrew Johnson appointed Maj. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard as Commissioner of the Bureau, and Howard served in that position until June 30, 1872, when activities of the Bureau were terminated in accordance with an act of June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366). While a major part of the Bureau's early activities involved the supervision of abandoned and confiscated property, its mission was to provide relief and help freedmen become self-sufficient. Bureau officials issued rations and clothing, operated hospitals and refugee camps, and supervised labor contracts. In addition, the Bureau managed apprenticeship disputes and complaints, assisted benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, helped freedmen in legalizing marriages entered into during slavery, and provided transportation to refugees and freedmen who were attempting to reunite with their family or relocate to other parts of the country. The Bureau also helped black soldiers, sailors, and their heirs collect bounty claims, pensions, and back pay.

The act of March 3, 1865, authorized the appointment of Assistant Commissioners to aid the Commissioner in supervising the work of the Bureau in the former Confederate states, the border states, and the District of Columbia. While the work performed by Assistant Commissioners in each state was similar, the organizational structure of staff officers varied from state to state. At various times, the staff could consist of a superintendent of education, an assistant adjutant general, an assistant inspector general, a disbursing officer, a chief medical officer, a chief quartermaster, and a commissary of subsistence. Subordinate to these officers were the assistant superintendents, or subassistant commissioners as they later became known, who commanded the subdistricts.

The Assistant Commissioner corresponded extensively with both his superior in the Washington Bureau headquarters and his subordinate officers in the subdistricts.

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Based upon reports submitted to him by the subassistant commissioners and other subordinate staff officers, he prepared reports that he sent to the Commissioner concerning Bureau activities in areas under his jurisdiction. The Assistant Commissioner also received letters from freedmen, local white citizens, state officials, and other non-Bureau personnel. These letters varied in nature from complaints to applications for jobs in the Bureau. Because the assistant adjutant general handled much of the mail for the Assistant Commissioner's office, it was often addressed to him instead of to the Assistant Commissioner.

In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard in July 1865, the Assistant Commissioners were instructed to designate one officer in each state to serve as "general Superintendents of Schools." These officials were to "take cognizance of all that is being done to educate refugees and freedmen, secure proper protection to schools and teachers, promote method and efficiency, correspond with the benevolent agencies which are supplying his field, and aid the Assistant Commissioner in making his required reports." In October 1865, a degree of centralized control was established over Bureau educational activities in the states when Rev. John W. Alvord was appointed Inspector of Finances and Schools. In January 1867, Alvord was divested of his financial responsibilities, and he was appointed General Superintendent of Education.

An act of Congress, approved July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), ordered that the Commissioner of the Bureau "shall, on the first day of January next, cause the said bureau to be withdrawn from the several States within which said bureau has acted and its operation shall be discontinued." Consequently, in early 1869, with the exception of the superintendents of education and the claims agents, the Assistant Commissioners and their subordinate officers were withdrawn from the states.

For the next year and a half the Bureau continued to pursue its education work and to process claims. In the summer of 1870, the superintendents of education were withdrawn from the states, and the headquarters staff was greatly reduced. From that time until the Bureau was abolished by an act of Congress, effective June 30, 1872, the Bureau's functions related almost exclusively to the disposition of claims. The Bureau's records and remaining functions were then transferred to the Freedmen's Branch in the office of the Adjutant General. The records of this branch are among the Bureau's files.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU IN MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

ORGANIZATION

In June 1865, Comm. Oliver Otis Howard appointed Col. John Eaton as the Assistant Commissioner of the District of Columbia, which included Maryland, the District, the city of Alexandria, and the neighboring Virginia counties of Fairfax and Loudon. On September 27, 1865 (Special Order Number 77), Commissioner Howard appointed Lt. Col. William P. Wilson as acting Assistant Superintendent

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for Maryland. Wilson served until March 30, 1866, and was then replaced by Bvt. Maj. Gen. George J. Stannard, who became the first Assistant Commissioner for Maryland. Stannard's headquarters was at Baltimore. His command included all of the state, except the counties of Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince Georges, and St. Marys, which were under the control of the Assistant Commissioner of the District of Columbia. In early summer 1866, six counties in Virginia and two in West Virginia, known as the Shenandoah Division, were added to the Maryland Command (transferred to the Virginia command in the following September). By July 1866, Bvt Maj. Gen. Francis Fessenden replaced Stannard, and served for 1 month before he was replaced by Bvt. Maj. Gen. Edgar M. Gregory. On January 16, 1867 (Special Order Number 7), Maryland's jurisdiction was expanded to include Delaware. Bvt. Brig. Gen. Horace M. Brooks replaced Gregory in January 1868, and by August 1868, Bureau affairs relating to Maryland and Delaware were reassigned to the Assistant Commissioner for the District of Columbia. A subassistant commissioner, Fred C. von Schirach, remained in Baltimore until December 1868. A claims agent remained in Baltimore until 1872.

ACTIVITIES

Unlike its operations in states of the Deep South where providing relief, supervising labor contracts, and the administration of abandoned property was of primary concern, the Bureau's activities in Maryland and Delaware and other areas under its jurisdiction centered largely on freedmen education, the administration of justice, and veterans' claims.

The Freedmen's Bureau's efforts to provide education for freedmen in Maryland was hampered by a system of illegal apprenticeship of school-age children. In direct conflict with the Civil Rights Act of 1866 (14 Stat. 27), black children were being bound to their former owners for indefinite periods of time with the help of Maryland government officials. An estimated 10,000 black children were bound out as apprentices between 1864 and 1867. The Bureau, however, through writs of *habeas corpus* and other court actions, fought vigorously to have these children released. By 1868, the intense efforts of the Bureau had largely ended the apprenticeship system in Maryland.¹

Although the illegal apprenticeship system hindered the Bureau's educational activities in Maryland, the agency still managed to provide assistance with the construction and repair of school buildings and protection of and transportation for teachers. To increase its visibility and to gauge the interest of freedmen in establishing schools, Maryland and District of Columbia Bureau officials traveled

¹ Annual Reports of the Assistant Commissioners, District of Columbia, October 10, 1867, [pp. 3-9], Records of the Commissioner, Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, National Archives Building; W. A. Low, "The Freedmen's Bureau in the Border States," in *Radicalism, Racism, and Party Realignment: The Border States during Reconstruction*, ed. Richard O. Curry, (Baltimore: John Hopkins Press, 1869), 247.

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to various counties, holding meetings on the benefits of education and the agency's intention to provide aid for schools. In addition, the Bureau worked closely with private benevolent societies, such as the Baltimore Association, the American Missionary Association, and the Freedmen's Union Association, to sustain freedmen schools in spite of intense and often violent opposition from whites. From October 1867 to October 1868, the Bureau provided aid and assistance to some 80 schools in Maryland.²

Although the black population in Delaware and West Virginia was small, and Bureau operations in these states were limited, the agency still managed to provide noteworthy assistance for freedmen education. In Delaware the Bureau assisted in the construction of several freedmen schools. The agency also provided aid to various civic groups and benevolent societies, especially the Delaware Association for the Moral Improvement and Education of the Colored Race, which maintained some 23 schools in various parts of the state. West Virginia maintained a system of free education. However, whites controlled funds for schools and employment of teachers, and schools for blacks and whites remained separate, as required by law. Bureau officials, nonetheless, worked closely with the West Virginia superintendent of free schools in the establishment of schools for freedmen. As in Maryland, Bureau officials traveled throughout West Virginia counties, advising freedmen of their support and plans for building schools. Similar to other areas under its jurisdiction, the Bureau supplied funds for buildings, and teachers were generally paid from public funds, contributions from blacks, and aid from benevolent societies. By 1868, with cooperation mostly from freedmen themselves, the Bureau was able to establish 9 schools in West Virginia.³

Safeguarding rights and securing justice for freedmen was of paramount concern to the Freedmen's Bureau. Following the Civil War, several Southern states enacted a series of laws commonly known as "black codes," which restricted the rights and legal status of freedmen. Freedmen were often given harsh sentences for petty crimes and in some instances were unable to get their cases heard in state courts. In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard on May 30, 1865, Assistant Commissioners were authorized, in places where civil law had been interrupted and blacks' rights to justice were being denied, to adjudicate cases between blacks themselves and between blacks and whites. In the District of Columbia and Maryland, the civil process of law had not been interrupted, and unlike many areas of the South under the Bureau's jurisdiction, no freedmen's or provost courts were in operation. The Bureau did however, provide legal assistance to freedmen in civil and criminal cases in both the District of Columbia and Maryland. This was done especially in instances where freedmen lacked counsel and in cases where Bureau officials felt that freedmen were wrongly convicted or imprisoned. In 1868, the Assistant

² W. A. Low, "The Freedmen's Bureau in the Border States," pp. 247-49. Annual Reports of the Assistant Commissioners, District of Columbia, October 10, 1868 [pp. 11-13, 15-24].

³ Annual Reports, Assistant Commissioners, District of Columbia, October 10, 1868, [pp. 26-30]. See also W. A. Low, "The Freedmen's Bureau in the Border States," 256-57.

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Commissioner for the District reported that of the nearly 900 cases handled by his office, a large percentage involved incidents in Maryland.⁴

In accordance with a law passed by Congress on March 29, 1867 (15 Stat. 26), making the Freedmen's Bureau the sole agent for payment of claims of black veterans, Bureau disbursing officers assisted veterans and their heirs in the preparation and settlement of claims. To administer claims, the Bureau established a Claims Division. This office was abolished in 1868, and most of the activities of the Maryland Bureau relating to claims were then centered in Baltimore, MD, where two full-time disbursing officers were assigned to settle and pay veterans claims. At the Baltimore office, the Bureau handled claims for Maryland, Delaware, and other areas under its jurisdiction. In 1868 Bureau agents disbursed more than \$10,000 for military claims.⁵ The Bureau maintained registers and files for claimants for payments of bounty, back pay, and pensions. These records often contain the name, rank, company, and regiment of the claimant; the dates the claim was received and filed; the address of the claimant; and remarks.

RECORDS DESCRIPTION

These records consist of volumes and unbound records. The volumes reproduced in this microfilm publication were originally arranged by type of record and thereunder by volume number. No numbers were assigned to series consisting of single volumes. Years later, all volumes were assigned numbers by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. In this microfilm publication, AGO numbers are shown in parentheses to aid in identifying the volumes. The National Archives assigned the volume numbers that do not appear in parentheses. In some volumes, particularly in indexes and alphabetical headings of registers, there are blank numbered pages that have not been filmed.

The volumes consist of letters and endorsements sent and received, registers of letters received, unregistered letters received, general and special orders and circulars received, registers of claimants for bounties and pay arrearages, and registers of complaints of illegal apprenticeships. The unbound documents consist of letters and orders received, unregistered letters received and narrative reports received, special orders and circulars issued, general and special orders and circulars received, and other series.

⁴ Senate Ex. Doc. No. 6, 39th Cong., 2nd Sess., Serial vol. 1276, p. 34; Annual Reports, Assistant Commissioners, District of Columbia, October 10, 1867 [p. 3], and October 10, 1868 [pp. 5-11].

⁵ Annual Reports, Assistant Commissioners, District of Columbia, October 10, 1867 [pp. 10-11, and October 10, 1868 [pp. 13-15].

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RELATED RECORDS

In the same record group, RG 105, and related to records of the Assistant Commissioner for Maryland, are those of the Bureau headquarters in Washington, DC. Several of these records series are available in the following National Archives microfilm publications:

M742, Selected Series of Records Issued by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872

M752, Registers and Letters Received by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872

M803, Records of the Education Division of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1871

M1902, Records of the Field Offices of the District of Columbia, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1870

M1875, Marriage Records of the Office of the Commissioner, Washington Headquarters of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872

Records in other National Archives record groups supplement those of the Assistant Commissioner. In Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821-1920, RG 393, are records of the military district that included Maryland and Delaware. Records relating to employment and welfare of freedmen and abandoned property before the establishment of the Bureau are among Records of Civil War Special Agencies of the Treasury Department, RG 366. The records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-1874, in Records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, RG 101, contain information relating to former slaves who maintained accounts with the bank branches at Baltimore, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

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APPENDIX

This list provides the names and dates of service of known Freedmen's Bureau personnel at selected subordinate field offices for Maryland. Additional information regarding persons assigned to various field offices might be found among the Bureau's Washington headquarters station books and rosters of military officers and civilians on duty in the states and other appointment-related records.

LOCATION	DATES
ANNAPOLIS Disbursing Officer W. L. Van Derliss	June 1866–Sept. 1870
BLADENSBURG Superintendent G. E. Henry	June 1866–Sept. 1867
ROCKVILLE Superintendent R. G. Rutherford	June 1866–Oct. 1867

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	The two volumes of letters sent, May 1866–December 1868, 1 (3) and 2 (4), are arranged chronologically.	
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	The single volume of endorsements sent and received, April 1866–December 1869 (13), is arranged chronologically. For a name index, see the single volume name index (14) mentioned above. The endorsements after December 1868 were sent or received by the officer in charge of claims.	
	Volume (13)	Apr. 1866–Dec. 1869
	<i>Registers of Letters Received</i>	
	The two volumes of registers of letters received, April 1866–December 1868, (1) and (2), are arranged by time periods. The entries within each time period are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically. For letters received, see the unbound letters received,	

⁶ The Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department assigned the volume numbers shown in parentheses after the records came into its custody. The volume numbers not in parentheses were assigned by the National Archives and Records Administration.

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Unbound narrative reports from the assistant inspector general, the superintendent of education, and the officer in charge of the complaint division, October 1866–June 1868, are arranged chronologically.

Oct. 1866–June 1868

Assistant Commissioner's Quarterly Reports of Operations
Unbound Assistant Commissioner's quarterly reports of operations, October 1866–July 1867, are arranged chronologically.

Oct. 1866–July 1867

Assistant Commissioner's Monthly Land Reports
Unbound Assistant Commissioner's monthly land reports, July 1866–July 1868, are arranged chronologically.

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Teachers' Monthly School Reports
Unbound teachers' monthly school reports, 1866 and May 1869–April 1870, are arranged chronologically.

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6	<i>Assistant Commissioner's Monthly Reports of Rations Issued</i> Unbound Assistant Commissioner's monthly reports of rations issued, June 1866–July 1868, are arranged chronologically.	
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	<i>Assistant Commissioner's Reports of Transportation Ordered</i> Unbound Assistant Commissioner's reports of transportation ordered, June 1867-July 1868, are arranged chronologically.	June 1867-July 1868
	<i>Reports Received from the Shenandoah Division</i> Unbound reports received from the Shenandoah Division, June-August 1866, are arranged chronologically. The series includes reports of operations, rations issued, land reports, reports of persons and articles hired, and quartermaster returns.	June-Aug. 1866
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Oct. 1866–July 1868

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Unbound miscellaneous reports and papers, July 1866–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. The series includes a copy of the apprenticeship law of Delaware, a report by the disbursing officer of moneys received and disbursed in December 1866, and a report in the case of a Dr. Somers.

July 1866–Oct. 1868

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CHIEF QUARTERMASTER AND DISBURSING OFFICER

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The two volumes of letters sent, November 1866–June 1867, 1 (28) and 2 (29), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (28) has a name index. Volume 2 (29) also contains a register of orders for transportation (January 1867).

Volume 1 (28)	Nov. 1866–May 1867
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7 *Press Copies of Letters Sent*

The ten volumes of press copies of letters sent, July 1867–June 1872, 1 (30), 2 (31), 3 (32), 4 (33), 5 (34), 6 (35), 7 (36), 8 (37), 9 (38), and 10 (39), are arranged chronologically, and there are indexes in every volume except 10 (39).

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12	<i>Registers of Letters Received</i> The two volumes of registers of letters received, November 1866–August 1868, 1 (26) and 2 (27), are arranged in chronological order by date received and numbered. There are name indexes in both volumes. For the actual letters received, see the series of letters received, November 1866–February 1868, mentioned below.	
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	<i>Register of Claimants</i> The single-volume register of claimants, January–April 1872 (44), is arranged alphabetically by the initial letter of the surname of the claimant. The entries give the name of the claimant, the date the vouchers were received, and the date the funds were received. There are very few entries in the register.	
	Volume (44)	Jan.–Apr. 1872
	<i>Registers of Cash Received and Disbursed</i> The three volumes of registers of cash received and disbursed, November 1866–June 1872, 1 (41), 2 (42), and 3 (43), are arranged chronologically. Each volume has a name index. The entries give the date and amount of money received, from whom it was received and to whom it was paid, the name of the claimant, the signature of the recipient, and the name of the witness. Volume 1 (41)	

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ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
16	contains receipts of papers by claimants and others dated November 1866–August (cont.) 1868.	
	Volume 1 (41)	Nov. 1866–Aug. 1868
	Volume 2 (42)	May 1868–May 1871
	Volume 3 (43)	May 1871–June 1872
	<i>Register of Disbursements</i>	
	The single-volume register of disbursements, March 1868–October 1871 (44½), is arranged chronologically. The entries give the name of the person, date, and amount paid.	
	Volume (44½)	Mar. 1868–Oct. 1871
17	<i>Receipts for Pay, Bounty, and Pension Certificates</i>	
	Unbound receipts for pay, bounty, and pension certificates, dated 1866–70, are arranged alphabetically by the initial letter of the surname of the claimant.	
	A–R	1866–70
18	<i>Receipts for Certificates (cont.)</i>	
	R–Z	1866–70
	<i>Bills Paid</i>	
	Unbound bills paid, 1867–68, are arranged chronologically.	
		1867–68
19	<i>Check Stubs</i>	
	The five volumes of check stubs, July 1866–December 1867, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, are arranged in chronological order and numbered.	
	Volume 1	July 1866–Feb. 1867
	Volume 2	Feb.–June 1867
	Volume 3	June–Aug. 1867
	Volume 4	Aug.–Oct. 1867
	Volume 5	Oct.–Dec. 1867

SUBORDINATE OFFICES

CLAIM DIVISION

The Claim Division was originally a division of the Office of the Assistant Commissioner. After the abolishment of that Office in 1868, a claims agent remained in Baltimore until 1872. Many of the letters in these series were addressed to the Assistant Commissioner but all of them relate to claims.

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19	<i>Letters Sent</i>	
(cont.)	The two volumes of letters sent, September 1866–September 1867, 1 (5) and 2 (6), are arranged chronologically, and both volumes have name indexes.	
	Volume 1 (5)	Sept.–Dec. 1866
	Volume 2 (6)	Jan.–Sept. 1867
20	<i>Press Copies of Letters Sent</i>	
	The six volumes of press copies of letters sent, July 1867–June 1872, 1 (7), 2 (8), 3 (9), 4 (10), 5 (11), and 6 (12), are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index.	
	Volume 1 (7)	July 1867–Mar. 1868
	Volume 2 (8)	Mar.–Oct. 1868
21	Volume 3 (9)	Oct. 1868–Mar. 1869
	Volume 4 (10)	Mar. 1869–Nov. 1869
22	Volume 5 (11)	Nov. 1869–May 1871
	Volume 6 (12)	May 1871–June 1872
23	<i>Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound letters received, January–August 1868, are arranged according to their entry in Volume (2) of the registers of letters received among the records of the Office of the Assistant Commissioner mentioned above.	
		Jan.–Aug. 1868
	<i>Unregistered Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound unregistered letters received, May 1866–May 1872, are arranged chronologically. Some of these letters appear to be entered in a register, but the register has not been located.	
		May 1866–Dec. 1867
24	<i>Unregistered Letters (cont.)</i>	Jan. 1868–Mar. 1869
25	<i>Unregistered Letters (cont.)</i>	Apr.–Dec. 1869
26	<i>Unregistered Letters (cont.)</i>	Jan.–Sept. 1870
27	<i>Unregistered Letters (cont.)</i>	Oct. 1870–Apr. 1871
28	<i>Unregistered Letters (cont.)</i>	May 1871–May 1872

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(cont.) | <i>Letters Received Relating to the Claims of Loyal Slaveowners</i>
Unbound letters received relating to the claims of loyal slaveowners, December 1866–March 1867, are arranged chronologically. | |

Dec. 1866–Mar. 1867

Register of Claimants for Bounties and Pay Arrearages

The single-volume register of claimants for bounties and pay arrearages, June 1866–March 1872 (23), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant. The entries give the name, rank, company, and regiment of the claimant; the dates the claim was received and filed; the address of the claimant; the type of claim; and “remarks.” For case files of many of the claimants entered in the register, see the series of case files for claims for bounty and pay arrearages (1867–72) mentioned below.

Volume (23)

June 1866–Mar. 1872

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| 29 | <i>Case Files for Claims for Bounty and Pay Arrearages</i>
Unbound case files for claims for bounty and pay arrearages, 1867–72, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant. The case files consist of jackets giving the name, rank, company, regiment, and address of claimant and the dates when the claim was forwarded and returned. The jackets often contain correspondence relating to the claim. |
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A–F	1867–72
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30	G–L
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31	M–S
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32	T–Y
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Register of Claimants for Pensions

The single-volume register of claimants for pensions, June 1866–March 1872 (25), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant. The entries give the name, rank, company, regiment, and address of claimant; the dates the claim was received and filed; the type or nature of the claim; and “remarks.” For case files of some of the claimants entered in this register, see the series of case files of pension claims (1867–72) mentioned below.

Volume (25)

June 1866–Mar. 1872

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| 33 | <i>Case Files of Pension Claims</i>
Unbound case files of pension claims, 1867–72, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant. The files consist of a jacket giving the name, company, rank, and regiment of claimant; the address of claimant; and the dates the claim was received and filed. The jackets often contain correspondence relating to the claim. |
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A–G	1867–72
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ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
34	<i>Case Files of Pension Claims</i> (cont.)	
	H-R	1867-72
35	S-Y	1867-72

Register of Maryland Bounty Claims Filed through Hugh L. Bond

The single-volume register of Maryland bounty claims filed through Hugh L. Bond, May-November 1868 (24), is arranged numerically by regiment. The entries give the name, company, and regiment of claimant; the dates the papers were forwarded; the amount of the claim; and the date it was paid.

Volume (24) May-Nov. 1868

Register of Claims Not Originally Filed through the Baltimore Office

The single-volume register of claims not originally filed through the Baltimore office, March 1867-January 1872 (22), is arranged chronologically. The entries give the name, rank, company, regiment, and address of the claimant; when and from whom the claim was received; the action required; and the date and to whom returned.

Volume (22) Mar. 1867-Jan. 1872

Register of Loyal Slaveowners, Maryland and West Virginia

The single-volume register of loyal slaveowners in Maryland and West Virginia (24) is undated and arranged alphabetically by the initial letter of the surname of the slaveowner. The entries also give the name of the slave.

Volume (24) Undated

Names and Addresses of Claimants

The two volumes of names and addresses of claimants, 1 and 2, are undated, and each is arranged alphabetically, A-Y.

Volume 1 Undated
Volume 2 Undated

36 **COMPLAINT DIVISION**

The Complaint Division of the Office of the Assistant Commissioner was apparently mainly responsible for complaints relating to the filing and processing of claims, although it also dealt with complaints arising from illegal apprenticeship of children. After the abolishment of the Office of the Assistant Commissioner in August 1868, correspondence relating to complaints of claimants was continued in these series.

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MICROFILM PUBLICATIONS

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
36	<i>Press Copies of Letters Sent</i>	
(cont.)	The two volumes of press copies of letters sent, April 1868–April 1872, 1 (19) and 2 (20), are arranged chronologically and each volume has a name index.	
	Volume 1 (19)	Apr. 1868–Dec. 1869
	Volume 2 (20)	Jan. 1870–Apr. 1872
37	<i>Registers of Complaints</i>	
	The two volumes of registers of complaints, 1 (17) and 2 (18), cover the period July 1866–March 1872. Vol. 1 (17) is arranged chronologically and thereunder by page number. Volume 2 (18) is arranged in chronological order and numbered. Each volume has a name index. The entries give the name of the complainant, an abstract of the nature of the complaint, and notations relating to actions taken in the case.	
	Volume 1 (17)	July 1866–Feb. 1868
	Volume 2 (18)	Jan. 1868–Mar. 1872
	<i>Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound letters received, July 1866–March 1872, are arranged according to their entry in the registers of complaints 1 (17) and 2 (18) mentioned above.	
	Entered in Volume 1 (17) pages 2–97	July 1866–Feb. 1868
38	Entered in Volume 2 (18) numbers 2–417	Jan.–Dec. 1868
39	Entered in Volume 2 (18) numbers 3–180	Jan. 1869–Mar. 1872

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES

The records of the offices described below were not subordinate to the Assistant Commissioner for Maryland, but because they are listed in the "List of Book Records for Maryland," they appear here as the "subordinate" offices in Maryland. The offices in Annapolis, Bladensburg, and Rockville were subordinate to the Assistant Commissioner for the District of Columbia. The officer in Wilmington was a claims agent.

ANNAPOLIS (Disbursing Officer)

Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, June 1866–March 1868 (48), is arranged chronologically.

Volume (48)	June 1866–Mar. 1868
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ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
39	<i>Press Copies of Letters Sent</i>	
(cont.)	The single volume of press copies of letters sent, March 1868–September 1870, (49), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.	
	Volume (49)	Mar. 1868–Sept. 1870
	<i>Endorsements Sent</i>	
	The single volume of endorsements sent, July 1866–September 1868 (47), is arranged chronologically.	
	Volume (47)	July 1866–Sept. 1868
40	<i>Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound letters received, June 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.	
		June 1866–Dec. 1867
41	<i>Letters Received</i> (cont.)	1868
	BLADENSBURG (Superintendent)	
	<i>Letters Sent</i>	
	The single volume of letters sent, June 1866–September 1867 (50), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.	
	Volume (50)	June 1866–Sept. 1867
	<i>Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound letters received, May 1866–December 1867, are arranged chronologically.	
		May 1866–Dec. 1867
	<i>Register of Complaints</i>	
	The single-volume register of complaints, June 1866–September 1867 (51), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.	
	Volume (51)	June 1866–Sept. 1867
	ROCKVILLE (Superintendent)	
	<i>Letters Sent</i>	
	The single volume of letters sent, June 1866–October 1867 (53), is arranged chronologically.	
	Volume (53)	June 1866–Oct. 1867

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ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
41	<i>Endorsements Sent and Received</i>	
(cont.)	The single volume of endorsements sent and received, July 1866–September 1867 (54), is arranged chronologically. The volume is cross-referenced to the register of letters received (52) mentioned below.	
	Volume (54)	July 1866–Sept. 1867
	<i>Register of Letters Received</i>	
	The single-volume register of letters received, March 1866–September 1867 (52), is arranged in chronological order and numbered.	
	Volume (52)	Mar. 1866–Sept. 1867
42	<i>Registered Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound registered letters received, May 1866–September 1867, are arranged in chronological order and numbered. The letters are registered in the register of letters received (52) mentioned above.	
		May 1866–Sept. 1867
	<i>Register of Complaints</i>	
	The single-volume register of complaints, June 1866–September 1867 (55), is arranged chronologically.	
	Volume (55)	June 1866–Sept. 1867
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE		
	<i>Letters Received</i>	
	Unbound letters received, May 1867–July 1870, are arranged chronologically.	
		May 1867–July 1870
	<i>Register of Claimants for Bounties</i>	
	The single-volume register of claimants for bounties, November 1867–July 1869 (56), is arranged chronologically. The entries give the name and address of claimant, information about the time of filing of claim, and the service of claimant.	
	Volume (56)	Nov. 1867–July 1869
	<i>Register of Claims for Pensions</i>	
	The single-volume register of claims for pensions, March 1867–March 1868 (57), arranged chronologically by the date of the application. The register gives the date of the application, name of pensioner, residence, number of certificate, and date and amount of payment.	
	Volume (57)	Mar. 1867–Mar. 1868

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42 *Register of Payments*

(cont.) The single-volume register of payments, January 1867–December 1868 (58), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant. The entries give the name, rank, regiment, and company of the claimant; the date payment was received; the number of the Treasury certificate; and the amount of payment.

Volume (58)

Jan. 1867–Dec. 1868

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RECORDS OF THE FIELD OFFICES FOR THE STATES OF
MARYLAND AND DELAWARE, BUREAU OF REFUGEES,
FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS, 1865-1872

ROLL 3

**OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters Received

G-Z

1866-68

H. J. - Bu. R. L. & A. L. Ind. 1866

Bel Air, Ind.

Nov. 30, 1866.

Galloway, Wm.
State atty.

In reply to letter of 28th
States that he sent the girl
Mary Anderson before
the Grand Jury, but they
failed to find a bill of
Indictment

Receipt Com. Ind. Dec. 3, 1866.

Bel Air

30th Apr. 1866.

Edward C. Kewer.

Capt & R. C. and A. A. A. Gent.

Sir,

Your favor of the 28th inst
was duly received. I sent the girl Mary Anderson
(named in your letter) before the Grand Jury but the
Grand Jury failed to find a Bill of Indictment.

Yours most respectfully,

Wm Galloway,

State Atty.

U.S. B. & C. L. Ind. 1867.

Hd. Qr. Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Aft. Comm. State of Miss.
Richburg, Miss. Jan. 26 /67.

Hellen, Abram C.
Prot. Brig. Genl. & Aft. Comm.

Requests a Porter
of Officers on duty
in the Bureau in Ind.
Attended to Feb. 5 '67.

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1867

Recd. aft. Comm. Ind. Feb. 5, 1867.

HEADQUARTERS

District of } BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS. { Mississippi.

OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

Nicksburg, Miss., *May 26* 1867.

Br Major Genl E. M. Gregory
Asst Comr Genl R. F. and A. L. for Maryland
Baltimore, Md.

General, I have the honor to request that I
be furnished for use of this ^{Office} a roster of your
Sub Commissioners and Agents showing their location.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Alvan C. Givens
Br Brig Genl W. A., Asst Comr
Miss.

Princeton, Somerset Co. Md.
February 21st 1867.

Hale, Wm. H.
Register of Mills

Furnishes number of
Colored Apprentices bound
in Somerset Co. Md.

Recd. Apt. Comm. Md. & Del. Feby. 23, 1867.

Prince Anne, Somerset County -
February 22nd 1867
Lieut Edward de Ruwen.

In reply to yours
of the 18th instant, the number of colored
apprentices in this Office are Eight
Hundred & twenty three apprentices
since Slavery was abolished in this
State. Seven hundred & sixty four new
apprentices in 1864 & fifty eight
since January first 1865 to present
time. From the best information I can
get not much over one hundred of
the Eight hundred & twenty three appa-
rentices are held as such at this time.
Any further information will be
cheerfully given

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant
Wm J. Gale Register

Easton, Md.

Feby. 20, 1867.

Goldsbrough Jno.
Register of Mills

Furnishes number of
colored apprentices bound
out in Talbot Co. Md.

Received from Jno. Goldsbrough, Feb. 24, 1867.

Easton Md

Febr'y 20th 1867

Edward C Knowler, Esq
2^d Lieut 45 U. S. I. & A. A. A. Genl.

Bureau of Freedmen &

12 St. Calvert Street, Baltimore.

Sir

In reply to
yours of 18th inst. I beg leave to state that from the 1st
day of Novr 1864 (the day on which the new Consti-
tution took effect), to the 31st Decr 1864 the Orphans'
Court for Talbot County bound out as apprentices two
hundred & thirty (230) negro children - during the
year 1865 they bound out thirty two (32) and during
the year 1866 they bound out five (5). If necessary,
or desirable, for your report I can give you the names
of each apprentice & of the master, together with the
date of indenture, age of apprentice, wages to be
paid to parents &c

1864 -	230
1865 -	32
1866 -	5
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Very Respectfully

Your obt Servt

Geo. Goldsborough, Regis of Wills
for Talbot County.

U. S. District Court, 1867

Princeps Ann. Somerset Co. Md.
March 1, 1867.

Gale, Wm H.

Register of bills

Furnish Additional evi-
dence relative to colored chil-
dren bound out in
this County

Recd. apt. Comm. Proc. & Del. March 2 /67.

Prince and Somerset County Md.
March first 1867

Sent Edward C. Knower.

The number of
apprentices in this office since Nov.
1864 are Eight Hundred and
Twenty three, out of that number
about one hundred are now held
by their Masters. Previous to that
date about fifty or sixty are
now held as apprentices, aggregate
before and since Slavery was abolished
in this State one hundred & fifty
or sixty are now held to service.
I do not say that this is accurate but
is from the best information I can get.
In one district in the County where
a large number were apprenticed
in the fall of Sixty four, not one are
now held by their Masters.

Very Respectfully Yours.

Wm. H. Gale Register

✓
Canton, Talbot Co. Md.
March 1st 1867.

Goldborough, John
Register of Mills

Furnishes additional evi-
dence in relation to colored
children bound out
in Talbot Co.

Received from Talbot Co. Md. March 1st 1867.

Easton Md

March 1st 1867.

Edw. C. Knower Esq
Freedman's Bureau &
12 St. Calvert St. Balto. Md.

Dr Sir

In reply to yours of 26th

ult. I beg leave to say that there are no records or data in my office by which I can ascertain the number of apprentices at present held to service. We can give the number of indentures recorded here, but when an apprentice dies, absconds or has his service remitted by the master we have no report or record of it. I have understood that when the new Constitution went into effect a large number of apprentices understood its operation as extending to them and acted accordingly. I have also heard of many of them who were bound since 1st Novr 1864, who have left their homes, and whose masters have made no effort to reclaim them.

I send you the number of indentures recorded in this office since 1st Janry 1860, by which

you will see that very little was done in this business except for a few months after the 1st Novr 1864. If there should be any other information you may desire in this Connection, either from the records in my office or from my personal knowledge or observation, I shall be very happy to supply it.

Very Respectfully

Chas. Chas. Smith
 Sro. Colerborough, Regis of Mills,
 for Talbot County

1860.	11
1861	5
1862	8
1863	16
1864 Jan 1 st to Nov 1 st	4
Nov 1 st 1864 to Dec 31 1864	230
1865	32
1866	5
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L. C. S. R. & A. L. Ind + Sel. 1867

Pleasant Grove
Cecil County Ind,
April 25th 1867

Thomas Grubb

Furnishing information of
Number of Sick and disabled
Col'd. people in 8th Election
District, of Cecil County Ind,

Recd. Apts. Commr. Ind & Sel. April 29th 1867-

Pleasant Grove April 25th 1867

W^m W^m Wiegand Dear sir, I send you a list
giving their names & afflictions of all the colored
people in this the 8th Election District of Cecil Co and
that I know of or can be said to be afflicted
worthy of notice,

Males, Robert R. Jones. club or reel footed -

" Alfred Smith. lame, big leg - white swelling

" Levi Sears. very old. afflicted with Rheumatism ^{secretly starved} can

Females, Unity Durham very old & infirm.

" Sylvia Brown " " "

" Lavinia Boddy old age & Asthma or Lissick

" Casander Bigby blind, or nearly so she may see a little with
one eye

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if in taking account of disabled or insane
Cold people. the object, to aid them in any
way to procure a living. I would suggest the
names of Robert R Jones & Alfred Smith to
be created as they both can earn their
living but the others are in suffering
condition and real objects of charity

Most truly
Thomas Smith

U. S. Post Office, Baltimore
Frederick City
January 21st 1868

Goldsterning E. Y.

Requests that the necessary
blanks be sent him to make
out the Claim for State Btly. of
Mrs. Julia C. Taylor, Aunt,
of Joseph recently died. late
of Co. I. 4th Regt. Cal.

By order of A. L.
H. C. App. Legn. M. Sec.
Balt. Jan. 22nd 68

Respectfully referred to A.
H. C. App. Legn. M. Sec.
of Claim Div. with direction
to comply with the within
request.

By Comm. of A. L. M. Sec. App. Legn.
Balt. Jan. 22nd 68

Edw. L. Knowers

By Capt. A. A. A. Legn.
Recd. App. Legn. M. Sec. Balt. Jan. 23rd 1868

Bureau R. I. & A. Lands
Baltimore Md. January 23rd 1868
Claim Division

Respectfully returned to Captain
Edw. L. Knowers A. A. A. Legn. with the
required Blanks enclosed.

A. W. Polenius
Agent in Charge of Div.

Fredrick City Md.
January 20th 1868

Maj. Genl. E. M. Gregory

Dear Sir,

Mrs Julia V.

Taylor called today and showed me a lot of
blanks sent to her by Thomas Simmons & ^{for}
of Baltimore, who are anxious to collect her
the state bounty due to her as the ^{parent} ~~daughter~~ of
Joseph Snarely of Co. I. 4th Regt. Col'd Troops.
I referred her to the Bureau and wish you
would immediately forward to me the neces-
sary blanks, that she may make them out
so that the said bounty may be collected
through your Head Quarters. I am sure
this claim agent would exact a large fee
and I understood from you that all
such claims were collected by your department
gratuitously. Please answer at once and
oblige your friend

E. J. Goldsborough

A true copy furnished by L.
Colman July 20th 1868

HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Baltimore, Md. Feby. 15th 1868

Col. Brig. Gen. Horace Brooks U.S.A.
Asst. Commissioner Gen. R.F. and D.L.
District Md. and Del.

General:-

I have the honor to tender to you my resignation
as a Clerk in your Office, same to take effect on the
19th inst.

My motive in resigning my Clerkship here, is to accept a
more permanent position in the L. M. Dept at Fort
Gibson, Indian Territory.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

J. Gabriel Glynn

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Feb'y 18th 1868

Dr Brig Genl A Brooks
Assistant - Commissioner,

Baltimore Md

General:

In accordance with your request of Feb'y 17, 1868
the appointment of Mr. Gabriel Glynn as a Clerk
in the State of Maryland made January 1867 from
this Office, is hereby revoked to date Feb'y 19th 1868 - he having
resigned

By order of Maj. - Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

E. M. Whittlessey
Act. Asst. Adj. - General.

Baltimore Md.
April 6th 1868

Guguy Mrs P. W.

request transportation
from Balt. to Mississippi
for Wm. Irving an aged
colored woman, who is a depen-
dent here, and will be taken
care of there.

By order of

Major Genl Howard

Balt. Md. April 8th 1868

Respectfully referred to Col. Geo.
Bullitt & Co. Wash. D.C. with

request that transportation

from Balt. to Mississippi be

issued to Wm. Irving a freedman of

claimed admission.

By order of
Col. Geo. Bullitt & Co.
Wash. D.C. April 7th 1868

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

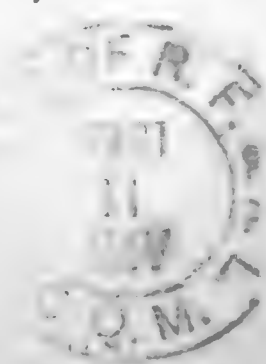
WASHINGTON, April 9 1868

Respectfully referred to Genl
H. M. Whittlesby Chief Quarter
Master, Bureau of Food

By order of
Major Genl Howard

E. B. Whittlesby
359
2762 } a general

Writer notified
of results



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War Dept. B. R. F. & A.

Office Chief Quarter

Washington April 11th 68

Respectfully returned to
Post Brig. Genl H. Brooks
Asst. Asst. Commr. B. R. F. & A.
Baltimore, Md., re-
marking that it does not
appear that Wm. Ir-
ving is now dependent
upon the Government for
support, nor is it antici-
pated that in a State able
and willing to provide for
its own poor she can be-
come so. There is, therefore,
no authority for granting
the transportation asked
for.

By command of
Major Genl O. Howard
Commr.

Henry M. Whittlesby
Chief Quarter

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Baltimore, Md.
April 6th 1868.

General Brock
Commissioner of the
Freedmen's Bureau,
Sir;

Mrs. Irving, a woman 70
years of age, severely afflicted
with rheumatism, so much
so that she is unable to make
a living desires to return to her
old home where she will be taken
care for life.

Should she not be
sent to her home, she will

necessarily become dependent upon the Freedman's Bureau, as I find myself utterly unable to do any thing for her except on my place, Elmwood Cottage Washington County, Mississippi; if sent there she shall be well provided for -

Please address transportation papers, "Warfield's Landing" six miles below Greenville, Mississippi

Respe.

Chas. P. H. Gregory

U. S. - 4. 4. - S. C. 3. 3. 1868

Bureau R. F. & A. Lande

Washington D. C.

Dec. 4th 1868

Dear Sir,

Capt. in charge Claim Service,

On encroachment of S. M.

89. 898. - received in form of

Charles Griffin, late Det.

Co. C 4th U. S. C. 4.

Receipt to be acknowledged

by delivery to Clerk

Dec 7, 68. See receipt

Recd. Off. S. C. 3. 3. Dec. 5th 1868

War Department,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
CLAIM DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., Dec 4th, 1868.

Br. Capt. E. C. Knower R. F. A.
Agent Br. R. F. A. L.
Baltimore, (Md.)

Captain:

I am directed to enclose herewith
pension certificate no. 89,395 - issued
in favor of Charles Griffin, late Pvt. Co. "C"
4th U.S.C.T.

Please acknowledge receipt of certificate
at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Your obed^t. Servant

William P. Drew.

Agent Br. R. F. A. L.

Chief of Claim Division

(L. J. 3268.)

A 143 vol 6 R. H. H. L. H.
H. 2

Harper's Ferry, West. Va.
June 2nd 1866.

Higgs, A. F.
1st Lieut. U.S.A., Asst. Supt. &c.

States that Margaret Warner (col^d)
of Sandy Hook, Md., made complaint
that her daughter 13 yrs old had been
waylaid & her person violated by
John Kelly, (white). she complained to
Justice Watkins, who declined to
have the villain arrested because there
was no white witness against him. &c.

{ Enclosure }



D. F. O.

A.C. M. W. 173-2-

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, & Abolition
Office Apr. Supt. Sub. Dist. E.
Harper Ferry, West V. June 2nd 66

Sir

I have the honor to state that on the 1st inst. Margaret Marum (Gold?), a resident of Sandy Hook Md, one mile from this place, made the following complaint. That her daughter a child thirteen years old, while on her way home from the place where she worked on Maryland Heights, was waylaid by one John Kelly (White), and her person most brutally maltreated and violated, her clothes torn, and she threatened, if she divulged the name of her assailant, to have her throat cut from ear to ear. That she made complaint to the Justice Mr. Watkins to have this man arrested, but he declined, stating that a white witness to the act was necessary before he could take cognizance of the act, and that she must come to us for justice. On the same day I addressed a communication to Mr. Watkins.

requesting that he would forward to me his objections in writing. His reply I beg to herewith enclose.

The offence having been committed in another State, the case is respectfully referred to your Office for such action as you may deem proper. I would beg to state in connection with this, that this man John Kelley resides with his Sister near the town of Sandy Hook.

I have the honor to be

Most Respectfully

Your obt. Servt

A. G. Higgin

1st Lt. 4th U.S. Inf.

Apt. Supt

Apt. Supt.

Quar. Mstr., U.S. Army.

Chas. Deft

Col. B. R. F. & Co. Md.

Bureau Refugee, Freedmen
Baltimore, Md. ^{June} Sep 18 1866

Boles, A. W.
Capt. and Inspector

Report investigation
of charges by Margaret
Warner, (chr.) against
John Kelley - white

Prod. Aft. Com. Md. Jan. 3 1866

Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c.

Baltimore Md. June 13th 1866.

Captain

In obedience to Special order No 7 dated Bureau R. F. & A. L. Hd Qrs Aft Commissioned Baltimore June 9th 1866, and verbal instructions received from Maj Genl Geo J. Stannard; I proceeded to Sandy Hook Washington Co Md, to investigate charges of Margaret Warner (Col^d), against John Kelley (white), and found that the charges of outrages committed upon Alcinda Francis Warner daughter of the said Margaret Warner, not yet thirteen years old, were fully sustained by her evidence. Mr. Watkins the only Justice of the Peace at Sandy Hook, having refused to hear the case, I summonsed the witness before me, and took her testimony (in accordance with paragraph 1031 R. F. regulations) which I respectfully herewith submit marked No 1. I then proceeded with the witness to Hagerstown, the County seat of Washington Co, to lay the complaint before the judicial tribunal. On arriving there I waited upon Mr. F. A. Darby States Attorney, and his Honor George French Judge of the Circuit Court, who both regretted very much that the court was not in session and could therefore take no action in the case until

the second monday in November, when the Grand Jury will sit. They recommended, I should try the Justice of the Peace. I therefore called upon John Cook Esq. J. P., who very abruptly declined to receive the testimony of any colored person, until he received authority from the Maryland State Authorities. I next waited upon Squire William Tice, who declined as above, with the addition, that he had read the Civil Rights bill, but had received no authority from the State Government, to act ~~under~~ it. I next called upon Mr. William Beirshing, J. P., who heard the complaint of Alcinda Francis Warner of Sandy Hook, against John Kellum for assault, and rape, committed on her person by the said John Kellum, and issued process against him, and placed the same in the hands of the Sheriff of Washington Co; his certificate of which marked No 2 is herewith enclosed. I would respectfully recommend, that Squire Wm Beirshing, be appointed U. S. Commissioner for Washington County Md.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

Al W Polunius

Capt. 22nd Regt. U. S. C.

Inspector.

Captain Jacob F. Chur

A. A. A. Genl.

Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c.

Baltimore Md.

Baltimore July 18th 1865

Brooklyn, Isaac.

W. S. Commissioner

Gives information, that
he has investigated complaint
against Watkins Justice of the
Peace at Sandy Hook Md. for
violation of civil Rights Bill
and held said Watkins to
appear to answer before the
Grand Jury.

Officer Asst. Commissioner
Bureau Refugees. F. & A.
Baltimore July 18 1865

Respectfully referred to Sir
Wm R. Chandler. Asst. A. Commis-
sioner.

Alb. Watkins
Capt U. S. A.

John Kellum. Sandy Hook -
Wash. Co. Md. Defendant.

Baltimore July 18th 1866.

Capt. Robinson
Dear Sir.

In the matter of your
Complaint against Justice Watkins for
refusing to take Negro testimony, in violation
of the "Civil Rights Bill" I would state
that I have heard the case and have
held Watkins to Bail to appear before
the Grand Jury of the District Court
on the first Tuesday in September.
I will retain the papers in the case
as they will be in evidence

Very Respt

Lucas A. Brown
(U.S. Commissioner)

Bureau R. F. & L.
Office Asst. Sup. Div. A
Harpers Ferry W. Va. Aug 16/66

Higgins, F.
1st Asst. Sup.
26. 12. Bureau R. F. & L. Div. A. 1876

Requests transportation
to Lancaster Pa. for
Ann Smith and three
children, destitute refugees
who have been receiving
assistance from the
Bureau.

Recd. & Com. Ind. Aug. 18, 1866

Bureau R. F. & L.
Hd. Quarters Shen. Div.
Winchester Va. Aug 16/66

Respectfully forwarded
to the Assistant Com-
missioner Mil. & W. Va.,
approved

J. T. Remington
Capt & Bt. Maj. U.S.A.
Sup. Shen. Div.
Box 76

Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Wa. Lands
Office, Dept. Supt. Sub. Dir. A.
Harper Perry W. Va. Aug. 16th 1866

Sir

I have the honor to request transportation for
Mrs. Ann Smith and three children, aged 5, 9, & 11, to Lancaster Penna.

This woman is extremely destitute, the
widow of a Refugee, and has been for some time past receiving aid
from this Office.

I have the honor to be
Most Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

M. J. J. J. J.
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Clerk's Office Circuit
Court of Dorchester Co.
Md. Oct. 11, 1866.

Henry F. La
Clerk

Reports murder by
a Freedman in Dor-
chester Co. Mass.

Receipt from Mrs. Oct. 18, 1856

State of Maryland
Worcester County, Md; I hereby certify that
it appears of record in the proceedings of the
Circuit Court for Worcester County, that, no
murder has occurred since the adoption of the
New Constitution of Maryland in 1864 among the
Col^d population, for which crime John Atkinson,
alias, John Burton (free negro) was convicted of Man-
slaughter.

In testimony whereof I have subscribed
my name and affixed the seal of the
Circuit Court for Worcester County
this 11th day of October A.D. 1866.



J. F. Hurry C. J.

H. B. R. L. & Co. - No. 1000

Clerk's Office Circuit Court
Talbot Co. Md.

Easton Oct. 13, 1866.

Hopkins, Saml. L.
Clerk Circuit Court.

Reports one case of murder
by a returned Rebel soldier
on a freedman without
the slightest cause.

Recd. apt. Com. Nov. 17, 1866.

Clerk's office, Eastern Talbot County
Oct. 13th 1861

To the Assistant Comdr
Freedman's Bureau &c. Baltimore
Sir,

In response to your letter recd
a few days since, I would state that since the
adoption of the New Constitution, there has been
but one murder committed in Talbot County by
or on Freedmen, to wit:

The murder of a colored man in May last
by a returned rebel soldier, without the slightest
cause or provocation.

Very Respy
Yours &c

J. Saml. Hopkins

Clerk &c

No. 16, Bu. R. F. & A. L. - Ind. 1866.

No. 238, Vol. 6, C. F. 1866.

Baltimore, Md. Oct 29, 1866.

George Hentchins
late Pvt, Co. "C." 4th Regt. S. C.

Wishes an order given the
Superintendent Bureau of
R. F. & A. Lands in Baltimore
directing him to give up to
Hentchins his discharge as
Pvt. Co. "C." 4th Regt. S. C.
L. R. d. A. No. 51.

Rec'd. A. G. O. Oct 31, 1866
Recd. Capt. Comm. Ind. Nov. 1, 1866

War Department A. G. O.

October 31st 1866.

Respectfully referred to
Major General C. C. Hagan,
Commissioner Bureau Re-
fuges, Freedmen, and
Abandoned Lands, Wash-
ington, D. C.

By order,

L. W. Foster
a. a. General M. S.



Bacto Oct 29 - 1866

To Hon E M Stanton

Secretary of War
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I was discharged May 4 1866 from
Co. C. 4th U.S.C.T. at Washington,
and my discharge was taken from me
by Mr Fowler A.A.G. for the purpose
of collecting my Bounty &c. -

After making a long time I have given
up the Receipt to a friend of mine
Mr H P Stevens at Law No
63 W Fayette St. who has called
for me my State Claim.

I am now about leaving the city -
having re-enlisted in the army.

Will you please order Genl Gregory
of the Freedmen's Bureau who has my
discharge to give it to Mr Stevens
he says he will give it to him upon
your order.

Obliged

Very
Humble Servant
J.P.

Respy Gt Dd Dvt.
Geo H Hutchins
Mack

State of Maryland, Baltimore City, Sct:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That *Samuel G. Spicer*

Esquire, before whom the annexed affidavit whose name is signed as a witness to the signature of Geo. Dulchins to the above letter
was made, and who has thereto subscribed his name, was, at the time of

so doing, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for the City of Baltimore, duly commissioned and sworn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of
the superior Court of Baltimore City, this *29th* day
of *October* A. D. 186 *6*

Alford Mace

Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City.

Ex B. No. 335.
War Department.
Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Claim Division
Washington Nov. 5th 1866.

Respectfully referred to Post Brig.
General W. M. Gregory, Acting
Comd. Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Baltimore Md.

By order of
Wm. F. Fowler
A. A. Gould

Witnessed 1 Capt.

Wm. F. Fowler
Baltimore Md.

Geo. H. Hutchins

Bureau Refugee, Freedmen's
Hd. Im. Aft. Commissioner
Baltimore Md. Nov. 7, 1866.

Respectfully referred
to Post Maj. Francis D. Schinas
Chief of Claim Division
Bureau R. F. and A. L. for Ind.

By Command of
Post Maj. Genl. Gregory, Aft. Com.
Edw. C. Knower
Capt. U. S. A. and A. A. L.

Bureau R. F. and A. L. and
Admiral's Office, Nov. 16/66.
Baltimore Md.

Respectfully referred to Post
Major Wm. Fowler, A. A. L. Chief
of Claim Division War Department
Bureau R. F. and A. L. - It is sug-
gested that Discharge papers, re-
ceived for by you, and now at
this Office, be not given up to
its owners or claimants, unless
they have a written authority
or order from you to that effect.
By command of Post Maj. Genl. Gregory
Aft. Com. Edw. C. Knower
Capt. U. S. A. and A. A. L.

H. 17. Bu. R. L. V. A. L. - Md. 1866.

Clerk's Office
Circuit Court of
Kent Co. Md. Nov. 1 / 1866.

Hines, Jesse K.
Clerk Circuit Court

Reports no cases of murder committed by or on freedmen since the adoption of the new State Constitution.

Recd. apt. Comm. Md. Nov. 6 / 66.

Office of Clerk of Circuit Court
Kent County Md Nov 1. 1866

Dear Sir

I have the honor to report in
reply to your letter of the 26th of October
which reached me last night, that it
does not appear from the records of this
Court that any murders or indictments
for murder or assault with intent to kill
have occurred in this Kent County since
the adoption of the present Constitution
of Maryland, either upon or by any
freedman in Kent County.

To

W. H. Weigel
Bret. Col & A. A. Lee
Balt^o Md

I have the honor to be
Yours Resp^{tly}

Jesse K. Hines
Clerk of Ct Kent County

H-18. Bu. R. H. A. S. M. 1126.

Charles Town.

Kent Co. Md.

Nov. 7, 1866.

Harris, Jesse K.

Clerk Circuit Court

States that illness pre-
vented him from answer-
ing ~~the~~ first letter in-
quiring concerning murders
committed by or on freed-
men.

Recd. aft. Comm. Md. Nov. 9, 1866.

Chester Town Nov 7. 1866

Dear Sir

Your letter of Nov 2.^d is before me. In reply. I would state. that it gives me pleasure at all times to give any information to any inquiring addresser me about matters, which may well be supposed can be better obtained from the Clerk of the Court than any one else.

Your first & second letters came to me together. the reason being that when the first one was received here I was suffering from a long attack of illness. I answered the second letter promptly. & directed it to Col (Piegal) Balto. and I suppose you have received it before this, but for fear that it has not ^{yet} I here repeat it.

The records of this Court do not show that any indictment has been

found in Kent County for murder or
assault with intent to kill upon or
by any freedman in said County since
the adoption of the present Constitu-
tion. I would further state that
I have not heard of any such of-
fences committed here during that
time.

Be pleased to let me hear if this
letter reaches you.

With much respect

I am yours &c

Jesse K. Hines

Clerk Ct. Cl.

Kent Co. Md.

To

Capt

Edw^d C. Kramer

26-19. Bu. R. F. V. S. - Md. 1866

Bay View Asylum
Baltimore, Md.
Nov. 29, 1866.

Harleston, Robt.

States that he is a Refu-
gee from the South^{and}
requests to ^{be} furnished with
employment, or in lieu there-
of - a suit of clothing
and transportation to
Philadelphia, Penn.

Wrapper - One (1) Enclosure

Recd. Asst. Comm. Md. Dec. 4 1866.

HEAD-QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Baltimore, Md.

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Bay View Asylum

Baltimore Md

November 29th 1866

Major Gen E M Gregory

Dept Bureau of Freedmen, Refugees & Abol Lands
Baltimore Md

Personal:

I, very respectfully, would enquire whether that Branch of the Bureau under your direction will furnish me with employment - or in default of employment - will give me transportation to Philadelphia and a suit of clothing, under the following circumstances.

Shortly after the inhuman massacre of many ^{members} of the Louisiana State Convention and very many innocent colored people, in New Orleans, last Summer, - an event still fresh in the memory of every loyal man North & South - I was compelled by the Rebel portion of the community - "reconstructed" though they claim to be - to abandon, upon peril of my life, my position as Teacher and Chaplain to the colored residents upon the plantation of Big Ten Davis (late U. S. Vols) at Saint Pauli - a short distance above New Orleans. After endeavouring in other portions of the South-West but unsuccessfully, to obtain a similar position, I came to this city en route to Philadelphia where I had, in the meantime been promised a position as Teacher and Chaplain, next Spring. It was my intention, during the Winter, to endeavour by Lectures & through the Press to bring to the attention of the humane and liberty loving citizens of the free North the deplorable condition of events in my own State of Louisiana - so far as the colored people and also the White (loyal) residents are concerned under the present Administration, and to suggest if possible, the adoption of what I believe to be the only remedy to such existing evils - viz Universal Suffrage - modified, if necessary, by educational qualifications. While in this city, sickness seized upon me, and with means exhausted and apparel nearly thread bare I was obliged to become tempo-

asily an inmate of this Institution.

My health is now restored and I am anxious, very anxious to obtain employment if possible in my former line of duty, or if I cannot succeed in finding such employment I would like to draw from the Bureau, as a Southern "refugee" suitable clothing and transportation to Philadelphia.

Pardon me, General, for thus trespassing upon your attention but I have done so because of the peculiar and unfortunate circumstances in which I am placed and from desire once more to engage in the work of educating and of bringing to Christianity that unfortunate race, which, after enduring for generations a servitude characterized by cruelty, oppression and sufferings untold is just entering upon that life of freedom which the Almighty in his wisdom intended that every man should enjoy.

you I remain

Hoping soon to hear from

Yours Very Respectfully -
Robert Charleston

H. 20. Bu. R. & A. L. Ind. 1866.

No 231 R. F. A. L. 1866

Uniontown, Md

December 21. 1866

Hughes - Singleton

Trustee Colored School.

Reports that a lot for the
House has been secured, &
request assistance in pro-
curing lumber to build it.

Approved Dec. 17 1866



Recd. apt. Comm. Ind. Dec. 19. 1866.

War Department,
Bureau R. F. & A. L.,

Washington Dec. 18. 66

Respectfully referred to Bot Maj.
General E. M. Gregory, Assistant
Commissioner for his action.

By order of

Major General Howard,

A. P. Ketchum

Acting General.

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1225



Miss John Carroll Cold Dec^r 1846
To Major Genl. Howard
Bureau Refugee Freedmen and
Abandoned Slave

The undersigned Trustees of a Colored
School, respectfully represent that they
have secured a lot of ground for a
School house - and wish to build such
house thereon and could do so if the
Lumber therefor could be obtained
understanding that the Freedmen's
Bureau in certain cases will give
aid in the furnishing Lumber for
such purposes. Are desirous to know
whether they can hope for aid of a
similar kind in their case

Desiring an answer when conve-
-nient and respectfully subscribe ourselves

Trustees } Gingsen & Hughes

H. 22. B. R. F. Va. L. Md. 1866.

Union Town, Carroll Co.
Dec. 24 1866.

Hughes, Singleton
Trustee Colored Schools

Replies to Communication
of 19th Inst. and gives
the desired information
relative to a school ^{house} for
colored children.

Recd. aft. Comm. Md. Dec. 27 1866.

Union Town Carroll Co Md Decr 24th 1866
Brent Mose Gent E M Gregory asst Commr to

In Answer to the information asked for in
the enclosed communication of 19th inst

The Vot of Hornet is about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from
the built up part of the town of Union Town
but is said to be in the Corporate limits thereof
and contains between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre of ground
It is Church property conveyed to the Coloured
population of the Methodist Episcopal Church
(a copy of which I enc will be procured and sent
you if desired) - Said Vot is therefore believed
to be available for the Coloured people of the town
and country around it for two or three miles
or more - Last winter with the accommodations
we had - we had something over 60 Day scholars
who were required to pay 50 cents for month (one
month 75 cents) and furnish fuel lights &c
those unable to pay could not send to school
We think there would be a Day school of from
40 to 45 scholars - and a Night school of from
20 to 30 scholars - There is no other school

in the County (that we know of) for the Coloured
population. Except such instruction as may be
given occasionally in private houses.

We are with much Respect,

Gingeden ~~signed~~ Trustees

William ^{his} Matthews

man

William Dawson

H. 25. P. R. 4. 1867

Pera Station.

Champaign Co. Ill.

Feb. 4, 1867.

Hamilton R. M.

Applies for a situa-
tion as teacher in
the Freedmen's School
of this State.

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1867

Recd. Capt. Kimb. Ind. Del. Feb. 12, 1867.

Yonk. Apr 4th 1847
Brook Major Gen Gregory
Dear Sir

I have taken the liberty to
write to you by way of inquiring
I wish to know whether there
are any vacancies in the schools
of the Freedmen in the State
which you preside over and if
so do you wish to procure any
one and what the terms are.
I have a desire to come and
teach that People I have been
engaged engaged in that busi-
ness for some time and can
come well recommended as a
teacher. If there should be no
vacancies in your State please
to give me the names of the
person or persons to get
information from in the

matter or any thing that
would be of benefit to me
in the matter would be
thankfully received

Yours to answer
as soon as convenient and
what time your schools open
in the Spring

Yours to
Peru Station Champaign
County State of Illinois
and oblige yours
Wm Hamilton

25.26.30.31.32.33.34.35.36.37.38.39.40.41.42.43.44.45.46.47.48.49.50.51.52.53.54.55.56.57.58.59.60.61.62.63.64.65.66.67.68.69.70.71.72.73.74.75.76.77.78.79.80.81.82.83.84.85.86.87.88.89.90.91.92.93.94.95.96.97.98.99.100.

Wilmington, Del.
Feby. 7, 1867.

Harrington, Saml. W.

Forwards bill of lum-
ber for School house
at Dover, Del.

Recd. aft. Comm. Ind. Feby, 12, 1867

My dear Gent.

I enclose you a bill
for Lumber & Shovelboard at
Dover.

I think you had a pleasant
journey, though Dec. I am
satisfied at y. conduct
at Newport & am sorry -
Very best friends.

I think you have ascertained
that the Dec. rebels are the only
one yet unconverted, as they
their dishonest aims from a
thought being in the divine right
of slavery; - although they know
nothing of slavery practically.

Will be glad to hear from
you at any time.

Yours truly,

Amos. Manning
Winning 8th. 7. 1867.

No. 25. H. P. 1861. 1861.

Bureau Refugee, Freedmen &c.
Ed. Am. Asst. Commissioner D.C.
Washington Feby. 15, 1861.

Howard, Cha. M.
Prot. Brig. Genl. Asst. Commr.

Which I know the
number of Colored
Apprentices in the State
of Md. under the existing
laws.

Received Asst. Commr. Md. Feby. 1861.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

HEAD-QUARTERS ASST COMMISSIONER, DIST. COLUMBIA,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15, 1867.

Br. Maj: Gen. E. M. Gregory

General

In procuring
the passage of a Bill
by Congress for the
prevention of the op-
prentice laws, it is
desirable to have a
statement of the no of
Colored apprentices in
Md. under its existing
laws - Will you be
kind enough to send
me a statement of the
number within your
jurisdiction & oblige

Yours Respectfully
W. Woodward
Br. B. G. A. C.

H. B. R. & Co. L. B. R.

Belair Md.
Feby. 23, 1867.

Hanson, B. W.
Register of Mills &c.

Furnishes the number of
Colored apprentices bound
out in Harford Co.

Recd. Ap. 1. 1867. Md. Jan. 26 1867

Phil. Am Feby 28^a 1867.

Edward C. Knowen Esq

Dear Sir,

Your of the 18th Inst is at hand and its Contents Examined, and in reply would say that It would be impossible to give you any correct Information on the Subject There has been bound in this County one hundred and Eighty Apprentices, of which Number, Judge Bond has set at liberty a good many, some are free, and a some left themselves, so it would be impossible to give you the correct Number, I would approximate the Number at 75 perhaps not that many.

Yours. Very Resp^t

D. H. Hanson, Esq

H. J. O. Ind. & Del. B. R. & Co. L. - 1867

Westminster Ind.
March 5th 1867,

Hertford H. H.
Regent of Mills

Furnish number
of colored children bound
out in Carroll Co. Ind

Recd. Aft. Comm. Ind. & Del. March 7/67

Register Office
Orestumsted M.D.
March 5th 1864

So be known

Sir, in reply to yours of
March 4th 1864, and also of 18th of Feb.
I have the honor to reply that under
existing Laws there are not more
than Eight Apprentices bound out
in this County, and as it would
be a difficult task for me to enter
into a search of the number of Col
Apprentices that are held bound by
former Laws. I trust you will find
my answer sufficient for you to
frame a report from.

There is no difference between the
Indenture of a White and Black
child in this Court, as all of them
are to be taught to Read write and
cast up accounts, as well as

a sum of money not less than
Eighty Dollars, and Two Suits of
Clothes, one suitable for Sunday
and one for week day, when
their term of service expires.
I think I am safe in saying there is
not at present over 40 Apprentices
bound out by this Court, and in
Servitude now. the business is not
carried on very extensively, and
mostly at the suggestion of the Parents
of the children.

Should this not be satisfactory to
you, leave me know

Yours &c

By A. A. Alvord
Register of Probate
at Cambridge
Mass

Turn over

I am doubtful
ability to improve
of the colored man
can give them
and being that
will prove, we
over such ev

Yours
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not less than
Two Suits of
ble for Sunday
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Saying there is
40 Apprentices
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At Newport
Mr. Phil
will be
yours

over

I am doubtful about your
ability to improve the condition
of the colored race unless you
can give them the right of suffrage,
and being called upon as our vote
will prove. we will not mourn
over such event

Yours A. J. R.
per Perry
Clark

N. 31. B. R. 44. 2. 1. Ind. P. L. 1. 1867.

Cumberland Ind.
March 6 " 1867.

Hoover, Geo. W.
Register of Trials

Furnishes number of
Colored Apprentices bound
out in Alleghany Co.
Ind.

Recd. apt. Comm. Ind. & Del. March 8 / 67.

Lumberland, Md
March 6th 1867

E. C. Knower Esq.

Dear Sir, In answer
to your inquiry, I have to say
that during the past 3 years
there have been 7 colored appren-
tices bound out by the Orphans'
Court of Allegany County.

Yours &c,

Geo. W. Horner,
Register of Wills for Allegany Co, Md.

H. J. J. - D. R. F. & C. L. - Ind. & Del. 12. 7.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c.
Hd. Qu. Apt. Comm. D. C.
Washington April 10 "1867.

Howard Chas. H.
Det. Brig. Gen. Apt. Comm.

Replies letter of 8 inst.
relative to fine 6 women
being left in Balto. by Mrs.
Harris & states that an
Agent will be sent to take
charge of them.

Recd. Apt. Comm. Ind. & Del. Apt. 12 "1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, April 10th, 1867.

Int. Maj. Genl. E. M. Gregory
Asst Commr. for Del. & Md.
General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 3rd inst. relative to the five (5) women, left in Baltimore, by Mr Harris.

An Agent will be sent at once to collect these people ^{and} convey them to their destination.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

W. Howard

Int. Brig. General

Asst. Commissioner

L. B. V. 3. 91

177-11-7508-1-4-10,

Darlington

Harford Co, Ind,

June 26th 1867

Answer B. H.

Enclosure receipt for Philip
Mabster's discharge and
request the discharge be
returned to his care.

Answered June 27th
& Discharge Sent

W. C. McCombs, Harford, June 27th 1867

Darlington June 26th 1867
Maj Genl C. M. Gregory

Friend

Enclosed

Please find Philip Webster Capt.
for discharge with please return it
for him in my care and truly
Obliged

Yours truly
For Philip Webster
R. H. Hanson Esq.

Wilmington Del.

Aug. 6th 1867

Harriet Martineau Esq.

States that several Col'ds,
children are illegally held
to servitude in Kent Co.
Del. and wish that the
Bureau interfere to their
benefit.

Assured that you will
do all in your power
to secure their freedom.

Yours
Wm. L. Chapin

Wm. L. Chapin

Wilmington Aug. 6. 1867

Sir;

I am under the impression that some Delaware Slave Masters have fraudulently had children whom they held as slaves, indentured to them. One instance of this kind came to my knowledge last year. The case of one Samuel Jones living near Smyrna, in Kent Co. I applied to the Judge for a writ of Habeas Corpus to compel him to bring the bodies of three colored children before the Judge. At the hearing, I asked the release of the children on the ground that when they were made free by the ratification of the Constitutional amendment it was a fraud on the part of the Master to have them bound for the purpose of practically en-

leaving them until they reached twenty one years of age. I stated that such was the decision in Maryland. Our Judge was not willing to so decide so that in order to release the children, I was obliged to take advantage of defects in the statutes.

To-day another case was brought to my knowledge. A man named Wm. Haffington Cannon, living near Seaford in Sussex County, compelled Rachel Cannon, (now Rachel Harris) to turn her three children, Harriet Elizabeth aged nine years, Thomas Henry, aged seven years, and Solomon Hargis aged six years; Mother and children had been his slaves; when they became free, Cannon deceived Rachel by false statements, by offering a

money (which like a true slave master he never paid a man to pay) and afterwards compelled her by force to sign indentures. She declares that she never willingly bound them, and that the whole affair was a fraud.

Can you do anything in such a case? -

I might petition to a Judge to annul the indentures, but that would not establish the principle for which I contend; and in case the Judge could not see the fraud (as with my good friend Judge Woolten of Southern sympathies, might be the case) the mother would have to pay a larger bill of costs than she is worth. -

The woman, the children, is able

now willing to work for them; is
apparently a thrifty, home and
industrious woman. Can we
do something for her? -

Very Respectfully Yours,
Saml. M. Harrington,

Maj. Genl. C. M. Gregory,
Asst. Commr. Re. Co.,
Balt. Md.

H. L. Burt & Co. Inc. - Dec. 1868

Baltimore Md

W. S. R. B. A. 12 1868

My dear Sir,

Chief Clerk to Capt. H. L. Burt
States that he is performing the
duties of Chief Clerk to Capt. H. L. Burt
and requests that he be allowed
the additional compensation of
\$25.00 per month as provided
for that position,

Ex 2p - 159 - M. 35-

H. L. Burt
1868
WASHINGTON

W. S. R. B. A. 12 1868

Bureau of A. L.

H. L. Burt & Co. Inc. - Dec. 1868

Baltimore Md. Feb. 15 1868

Respectfully and respectfully
referred to Maj. Gen. C. C. H. L. Burt
Comm. B. L. B. A. Washington
He with information that the
writer of this letter was original
ly appointed (April 15 1867) as
Clerk at a salary of One Hundred
dollars per month, assigned
to duties in General Dir. and after-
wards promoted to his present
position as Chief Clerk, which
duties he has been long per-
forming at his old salary.

H. L. Burt
Capt. H. L. Burt
B. L. B. A. Gen. A. L.

Ex 2p - 159 - M. 35-

War Department
Bureau of A. L.
Washington Feb. 15 1868

Respectfully returned
to St. Brig. Gen. R. B. Burt
Asst. Com. of Mass. Land
with appointment
Enclosed as requested.
By order of
Maj. Gen. C. C. H. L. Burt
C. C. H. L. Burt
Adj. Gen.

Ex 2p - 160 - M. 37-

HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE.

Bt Capt. Edw. L. Knauer

Baltimore, Md. February 15th 1868

A. A. A. Genl.

Sir

In accordance with Circular
from H. Q. Genl. Commr B. R. F. & A. L. dated Washington
D. C. Sept. 28th 1866 - I as Chief Clerk of the Aft. Commr,
am entitled to a compensation of One Hundred and
Twenty five \$125.00 dollars per month; I am now
receiving but \$100.00 - and respectfully request, that
I be allowed the additional compensation as provided by
law,

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Edw. L. Knauer

Chf. Clerk to Aft. Commr.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen &
H. O. O. May; Gen. Comm.
Washington D. C. Feb'y 1868

Whittlesby &
A. A. A. Gene.

True Copy

Appoint E. S. Hyde as a Clerk
at a salary of One hundred and
Twenty five dollars per month
to take effect Feb'y 1st 1868-

Cash of office Feb'y 19th 1868

War Department
Bureau Refugee Freedmen & A. L.
Washington D. C. July 18th 1868

Mr. Edw. I. Hyde is hereby appointed a Clerk in the Bureau of
Refugee, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, State of Maryland, at
a salary of One Hundred and Twenty-five dollars per month.
This appointment is made under the provisions of "An Act
to continue in force and amend an Act to establish a Bureau
for the relief of freedmen and refugees, and for other purposes."
It will take effect July 1st 1868 and remain in force until
revoked by orders from this Office.
The oath required by law will be taken, and filed in the office
of the Asst. Commissioner of the State of Maryland.

By order of Gen. C. C. Howard, Commissioner.

Signy E. Whittlesy

Actg. Asst. Adj. Genl.

Enc. 1

Edw. I. Kuown

Br Capt. D. A. A. Genl.

Oath of Office of

Edw. L. H. do

Filed Feb'y 19th 1868

(ACT JULY 2, 1862.)

I, *Edw. L. Hyatt* of *Baltimore City*
State of Md.

, do solemnly *Swear* that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever, under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power, or constitution, within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto. And I do further *Swear* that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I about to enter: So help me God.

Edw. L. Hyatt and subscribed

before me, this *Nineteenth* day
of *February* A. D. 186*8*.

C. D. Evans J.P.

Edw. L. Hyatt

L.B. 113 S. D. C. R. F. & A. L. Baltimore

R. 295 R. F. & A. L. Sept 13, '68

Harrington Del.

September 16th 1868

R. 111 H. D. C. R. F. & A. L. Sept 5, 1868

Harrington Saml. M.

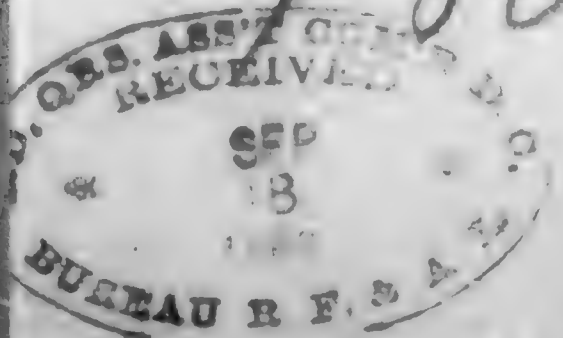
Secty Del. Union.

States that the Delaware Union desires and requests a continuance of the assistance and cooperation of the Freedmen's Bureau, and suggests that Gen. Howard meet the Comtee on some Saturday afternoon

C.B. p. 237 No. 40. C.B. p. 240 No. 49

26,

1868



Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Recd Sept. 22, 1868,

Recd Off. S. D. C. R. F. & A. L. Baltimore Sept 22, 1868

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Headquarters Sub. Asst. Comm.

Baltimore Sept 17, 1868

Respectfully referred to Gen. Chas. F. Howard Asst. Comm. Bur. for Washington D.C.

(Signed) Edwin C. Knowen
Capt. U.S.A.

C.B. p. 237

No. 40

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Headquarters Asst. Comm.

Washington Sept 21, 1868

Respectfully forwarded to the Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L. with request for more formal instructions as to the jurisdiction of the Assistant Commissioner in the State of Delaware

(Signed) C. F. Howard
Asst. Comm.
Md. W. H. & D. C.

C.B. p. 237 No. 40
C.B. p. 240 No. 49

War Department

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Washington Sept 24, 1868

Respectfully returned to Gen. C. F. Howard Assistant Comm. of Dist. of Columbia &c. who will continue to exercise such supervision over educational matters in Del. as the interests of the freedmen may require. He will see that the freedmen's schools are reported to this office as far as practicable.

By order of
Major Genl. O. O. Howard
(Signed) F. D. Serrall
A. A. A. Genl.

C.B. p. 237 No. 40

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Headquarters A.C. D.C.

Washington Sept 28, 1868

Official copy respectfully referred to Capt. F. C. von Schirach Sub. Asst. Comm. for his information and guidance.

Capt. von Schirach will please furnish a copy of this endorsement to Capt. E. C. Knowen U.S.A. & Gen. Harrington W. H. Delaware

(Signed) F. D. Serrall

C.B. p. 237 No. 40
Capt. May: Asst. A. A. A. Genl.

Ellis City
Page 2
April 14 1868

Hammond Indiana,
My dear Mr. A. L. 12, 1868
States that he would not
easily give up the child
Eleanor, but her parents
are both reported dead, and
he by law was compelled
to care of her.

Respectfully referred - The child
can be released on Habeas
Corpus but she will be at
liberty to go where she pleases
as the Court have no author-
ity to compell her to stay
with her sister.

H. Stockbridge
Solicitor & Co
Newbury

Case closed
See letter of Mr. H. of July 1868
to page 2
April 16 1868

Lydia Garret
Baltimore Md.

Dear Sir
I was much
did not reach
~~you~~ - you I
to Ellis City
that I must
her mother
were living, I
ly do so, Wh
went into op
forced to have
as there was
to charge of
time her son
she has been
willing to reme
I have done
am still will
not think I
ought to force
to any other ap
has no parents
upon the wor
have no perma
I could not find

Lydian Garret
Baltimore Md

April 14 1868

Dear Sir

The letter you wrote me was misdirected, consequently did not reach me until yesterday ~~you~~ - you should have sent it to Elliott city. You informed me that I must restore Eleanor to her mother. If her parents were living, I would most willingly do so. When the freedom act went into operation I was forced to have her board to me as there was no other person ^{take} charge of her, I being at that time her owner. Since then she has been contented and willing to remain with me. I have done my duty by her and am still willing to do so. I do not think General that you ought to force me to give her to any other applicants as she has no parents and send her out upon the world where she can have no permanent abode. As I could not make out your names

Let direct this
To the Commanding General
of the Freedmen's Bureau
No 12 north Calvert street

Yrs. respectfully
Matthews Hammond

P.S Her father and mother
both belonged to my uncle
Charles, ^{Hammond} her father is dead and
her mother who was insane
~~and~~ sent to the hospital
where she was reported
to have died

M H

Page 2
Report of A. H. Bolman's
Capt. in charge Complaint No;
on the enclosed Apprenticeship
case against Mathias
Hammund, May 21, 68
Wm R. L. L. L. 1888.

15th
See inside

Case No. 1 July 25, 68
in letter of M. H. of
July 16, 1888

other papers to the
case on file in July

Head Quarters, Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
District of Maryland and Delaware,
No. 12 N. Calvert Street,

Baltimore, Md., May 21st 1868,

Capt E. L. Knower,

A. A. A. A. A.

Captain

In Compliance
with S. O. No. 22, from these Head Quarters I visited
Mr. Mathias Hammond, in Howard Co. Md, who is charged
with illegally retaining, "Eleanore", sister to Lydia Garrett
(Col.?) Complainant, and respectfully Report, that I found
the child sick with a sore foot, and the family of Mr
Hammond, taking very good care of the child. I examined
the child alone, and she stated to me that she did not
wish to leave Mr Hammond,

Mr Hammond has agreed to have the indentures
cancelled in Court and bring them to this office, which
he thinks will be in a week or ten days.

Very Respectfully
Your ob^d. Servant,

A. W. Bolin

Agent Complaint Division

1863

Elinor's

Indenture to
Matthias Hammond

Received for record
on the 5th day of
Sept. 1865 Same day
filed & Recorded in
Indentures Liber W.B.

No. folio 267 & Examined
Test

Eli. T. Reddick

Register of Deeds
for Howard County

Paid

The State of Maryland.

IN HOWARD COUNTY ORPHANS' COURT.

Elinor
Nine years the *1st* day of *December* last past, comes
an indigent negro, of the age of
into Court; and it being represented to the Court that the said *Elinor*
is without means sufficient for his maintenance or support; and the Court being satisfied that such representation
is true; and believing also that it would greatly conduce to the good of the said child that she should be put to
learn some trade or useful art. The said *Elinor*
is therefore on this *fifth* day of *December*, in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty *five*

BOUND AS AN APPRENTICE by *Jas B Mathews* & *Jas*
& *Samuel Waters* Justices of the Orphans' Court for Howard County, to
Matthias Hammond until she the said *Elinor* shall
arrive at the age of *18* years; and the said *Matthias Hammond* being
here present in Court, agrees to take the said *Elinor* as an apprentice,
until she shall arrive to the said age:—And the said *Matthias Hammond* doth
also on his part acknowledge himself bound, and by these presents doth contract, promise, and agree, to teach
the said Apprentice the trade of a *Housekeeper* and to supply her with
suitable clothing, and maintenance, during her apprenticeship; and when free to give her the sum of
Dollars, and the customary freedom dues.

In Witness Whereof, We hereunto subscribe our names and affix our seals to this Indenture, this
fifth day of *December* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty *five*

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }
in the presence of

Thomas Day

Jas B Mathews



Samuel Waters



J P Jarvis



Matthias Hammond



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Bureau of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

Sept. 29, 1868

Dear Sir,

Copy in charge of your letter,

Enclosed letter from 2^d Aud-
itor of the Treasury reporting
adversely on the claim
for amount of pay &c. of
Rebecca Harris, widow of
Nazel Harris, late Pvt.
Co. E. 39th U.S. Inf.

Oct. 8 '68 - Clmt. notified
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Recd. Office, 10th St. & C. St. Wash. D.C. Sept. 30, 1868

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., Sept 29th, 1868.

St. Capt. E. L. Knower, U.S.A.
Agent Indian R. & A. L.
Baltimore, Md.
Captain.

I am directed to enclose herewith a letter
from the Second Auditor of the Treasury,
reporting adversely on the claim for
arrear of pay, &c. of Rebecca Harris,
widow of Engil Harris, late Pvt Co "C"
34th V.I. Crooks.

C. B.
1872.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
William D. Drew,
Agent Indian R. & A. L.
Chief of Claim Division.



Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

September 24, 1868.

Sir: The application in the case of Pajis Harris Co. "6" 39" W & C Infly, has been received.

The rules of this Office require that Messrs Fitch & Fox, be recognized as the Attorneys, as their Power of Attorney is of prior date.

Very Respectfully
E B French

Auditor

By A. W. C.

Wm J Drown Esq
C B F & A Lanes
Washington
DC

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104
"

Bw R. L. & A. D.
Wash^g D.C. Sept. 30/68

J. M. Brown
Br. Maj. & D.C.

Sends check No.
2835. for 541⁵⁴/₁₀₀ in
payment of roll
of employees

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Office Chief Accounting and Disbursing Officer,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

132 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 18th and 20th Streets,

Washington, D. C.,

Sept 30th 1868

Capt. F. E. von Schwanitz A.S. Army
Subst. Quartermaster
Baltimore

Sir:

In the event of my not be-
able to leave here before the 2nd inst. and
to prevent any delay in the payment of
your Sept. Roll. I enclose herewith ^{Gen Balloughs} U.S.
Pay Check No 2835 of this date to your order
on New York for \$541.⁵¹/₁₀₀ to pay the
Rolls now at your office.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant
J. M. Brown
Bvt. Major & D.D.

S. R. H. - 8 - S. A. C. Dec. 1868

Bureau of Land

Washington D. C.

Nov. 30th 1868

Dear Sir,

Act. in charge of Claim Hirs,

Enclosed letter & circular
from Pension Office
calling for further evidence
in the claim for pension
of David Richard Hann
ble Hay's deed.

This letter to be returned
with the evidence called for.

~~Enclosed to be returned
with the evidence called for.~~

Dec. 18th 68. Enclosures fur-
nished Martin & Co. the Attys in
the case.

Case closed Aug. 15th 68.

Rev. Office S. A. C. Dec. 27th 68

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., November 25th, 1868.

Post Captain Fred. C. von Schiack, U. S. A.,
Sub Asst. Commr Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
Baltimore, Md.

Captain: I am directed to enclose herewith
letter and circular from Pension Office calling
for further evidence in the claim for pension of
Dasia, widow of Hannibal Hays, deceased.
With the evidence please return this
letter.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant
William M. Drew,
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Chief of Claim Division

C.B. 2244

C. H. Bush, Esq. Clerk of the Court

Burlington

Stanton Co. Ind

July 18th 1868

Hammond Matthew

State that the indenture furnished in the case of the girl Eleanor have been examined before the Magistrate, and recorded in the Court, approved by the Judge -

b. b. page 2.

Case closed

533-361

Case closed July 18th 1868
Wm. A. ...

P. S. The indenture has
been recorded M. H.

Amherst
July 16th/88

Gen. Ed. C. Brown

Dear Sir,

The
indenture which you were so
kind as to send me, has been
acknowledged, before two mag-
istrates and approved by the
judges of the Orphans Court
and signed by the clerk
of the County Court as you
directed; which I hope is
sufficient to close the
case. Yours by Respect
Matthew Hammond

Chester town, Kent Co. Md.
March 7th 1867.

Ireland, Jos. P.
Registrar of Wills

Furnishes the number of
Colored apprentices bound
out in Kent Co. Ind.

1867

Recd. of Lt. Cornix Ind. Pa. del. March 9 '67

Office of Register of Wills
Chester Md Feb 7. 67.

Edward C. Knower Esq

Dear Sir, Yours of Feb
18th and March 4th are received and in expla-
nation of the delay I can but say that your
first was received very shortly after a change
of Deputies being made in our office and having
considerable business to explain and transfer
your business was delayed.

The following Statement
is the full number of colored apprentices in
Kent County up to the present time if we have
understood this to be what you require.

Three hundred and fifty three (353) apprentices.

Yours Respectfully.

Ed. P. Ireland
Regr.

I. S. Ireland & Co. - Ind. & Del. - 7.

Chertown Ind.

March 8 1867.

Ireland J. P.
Registrar of Wills

Forwards Statement
of Charges for furnishing
number of Apprentices
bound in Kent Co. Ind.

Recd. of Comm. Ind. & Del. March 11 1867.

Office of Register of Wills

Leicester, March 8. 1867.

Edward Le Knowler, Esq.

Dear Sir, By last mail I sent the number of Colored Apprentices as you requested but neglected to inform you that there ^{are} a considerable number of them who have been released by the decision of Judge Bonds which information you can obtain by referring to the Baltimore City docket.

You will please forward the amount below which is 15¢ a search on the number bound previous to last year. 338 @ 15¢ is \$50.70

Very Respectfully Yours,

J. P. Ireland
Reg.

J. L. B. R. L. & Co. L. B. & Co. 1867.

Charleston, Md.
March 18, 1867.

Island, J. L. B.
Register of Bills

Furnishes additional
information in regard
to the number of colored
children bound out
in ~~Washington~~ Kent Co.
Md.

Recd. apt. Comm. Ind. & Del. March 15, 1867

Chester town March 13th 1867.

Edward C. Kerner, Esq.

Dear Sir, Yours of the
9th inst is at hand and in explanation will
say that the given number (353) included all the
apprentices excepting those that have arrived to
the expiration of term of service or were cancelled by
order of orphan's court.
The remaining portion that have died or been
freed by the courts or otherwise are included
in the number (353)

Very Respectfully Yours.

Joe. J. Ireland Register
of Wills for Kent County.

Recd. March 15 1867.

D. S. B. P. & Co. No. 112. 1867.

Chertown Ind.
April 3rd 1867.

Doeland, J. P.
Registrar of Mills

Returns Vouchers
with his signature &
status reasons for charging
me \$50. ⁷⁰/₁₀₀ for in-
formation relative to appren-
tices

Recd. Aft. Comm. No. 122. Aft. 6. 1867.

Chester town. April 3^d 1867.

Edwards C. Knower Esq.

Dear Sir,

Yours of March 30 was received and enclosed you will please find the vouchers returned with my signature annexed as directed by you.

In making the charge that we did we only made the charge allowed to the office, which is 15¢ for every search.

You will please accept my thanks for your kindness in attending to the matter for me so promptly.

Yours Very Respectfully,

Jos. P. Ireland Repr.
Wills for Kent County.

J. C. P. H. H. A. L. Ind. Sec. 167

Internal Department -
Receiving Office
Washington D.C.
May 28 - 67

Barrett Jos. H.
Commissioner

States that the care of the
will be examined into, and a report

✓

Recd. Capt. Comm. Ind. Sec. May 27 - 1867

Department of the Interior.
Pension Office.

May 23^d 1867.

Sir:

This office is in the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, and the Second Auditor of the Treasury Department has been requested to assign the reasons which governed him in suspending Surlburg & Co, Claim Agents in this city, from business relations with the office over which he presides. Accept the thanks of this office for bringing to notice the conduct of the parties named.

I am,

Respectfully,
Bt Col W. H. Wügel
Bureau of Refugees &c
Baltimore.

Very respectfully,
~~J. H. [illegible]~~
Commissioner.

J

Md.

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D.C. October 11th 1867

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, in which you request that the firm of Geo Coragg & Son, claim agents at Philadelphia, Penna., may be debarred from practice before this Department, (and that they be notified of the fact) until further orders. — Be pleased to furnish your reasons for making the above request, that this office may act understandingly in the matter.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt
Wm Lauck

Acting Chief Clerk.

Wm H Weigel
M Col & Ad. Genl U.S.A.
Baltimore Md

I. I. Burt + A. L. B. + Dec. 1868

Baltimore Md.
M23 R. B. B. 1268

Erwin Gen. C.

Enclosure indenture made
Nov. 24 1868 between Bt. Loc
Co. Colby Supt. Burt + A. L.
and himself, binding an orphan
and named James, aged 15 years,
Miles request that enclosed
indenture be returned to him
cancelled,

One Enclosure

By order of
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Baltimore, Md. Jan. 22 1868

Respectfully referred to Apt. Com.
Burt + A. L. for State of North Carolina
(This. Ho. Gen. Comm. Burt + A. L.) with
information that the cancel-
lation of enclosed indenture
is desired by the boy James.

JAN 23
1868

By order of
Apt. Com. + Bt. Brig. Gen. U. S. A.
Rec. Am. C. Jan. 23 1868

War Department
Bureau of Refugee Freedmen &c
Washington Jan 24 1868

Respectfully returned with
indenture cancelled.

By order of
Major Gen. O. O. Howard

E. J. Hottelery
Act. A. General

ERB 155 - No. 14

Indenture returned
to Mr Erwin Fisher,
12 1868, as per
enclosed receipt

Put on enclosure

SR

Barto 21 January 1864

Capt E. C. Rarner

Bn R 7th AL

Barto

Captain, I enclose herewith the indenture of freedman James ~~Lee~~

The wife & mother resides in Petersburg, Va & she & he desire to have his indenture cancelled and I am willing it should be done -

Be pleased to forward the indenture with this, to the proper authority & request that the indenture be cancelled & that I be advised of the action of the authorities in the case -

Very respectfully

J. C.

Geo. C. Rarner

Baltimore Md,

February 1st 1868

Friend Geo. C.

Receipt for cancelled indentures
made b^y self & Ben R. & A. L.
for Sirs of West N. Carolina,
Levina's an orphan named
James,

Recd. Cash from Mrs + Dec. Feb. 1st 1868

HEAD QUARTERS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Baltimore, February 1 1868

Received from Bu R. F. & A. L. for District
of Md & Del. Cancelled indenture made
between myself and Supt B. R. F. & A. L. for
Dist, West N. Carolina, binding an orphan
named James. W. C. Smith

J. I. Waco, Texas,

April 17th 1866,

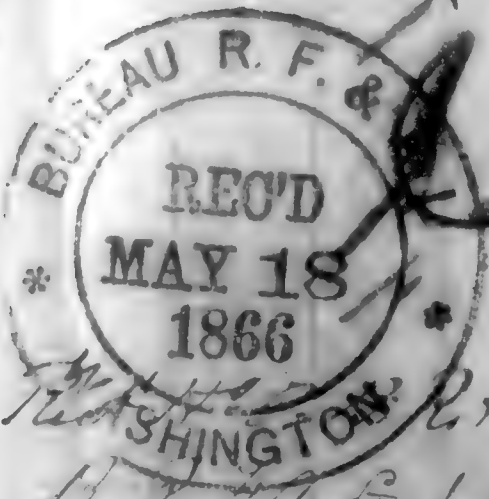
1242 Robert St. N. Y. C.

Jackson,

Patsy,

Frederick,

Asks information
respecting relatives
in State of Maryland



J. I.

HEADQUARTERS,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Galveston, May 8th, 1866,

Respectfully forwarded
to Maj. Genl. Howard
Comr. B. R. F. & A. L.
E. McGregory
Brig. Genl.
Asst. Comr.

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His Department

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Washington May 19th 1866

Respectfully referred to Genl. Wm. S. Howard
Genl. J. W. Howard, Baltimore Md. the 18th April

By order of
Major Genl. O. O. Howard

A. P. Ketchum

Chf. Asst. Supt. Genl.

Rec. A. C. und. May 25th 1866

Waco Texas April 17th 1866.

This letter is in-
tended to find the relation of
a black woman by the name
of Patsy, who was taken for debt
fifty years ago by one Mr. Wes-
ley from a ~~widow~~ lady by
the name of Pumphrey, who
after married John Thomas.
Her ^{Patsy's} father's name was Charles
her mother's Katy, her eldest
brother Bob, the next Parris
Harry Lewis Adam and Dayman,
the last Adam and Dayman
were twins. Patsy the subject
of this letter was the only female
child of the family. These people
lived in Annapolis County near
Baltimore Maryland. Any person
writing me any information about
my kin folks will confer a great
favor to me direct letters to
Patsy Jackson care of Mrs Centry
Waco
Texas

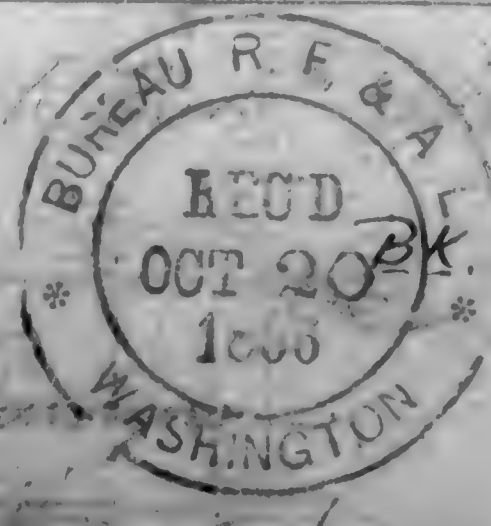
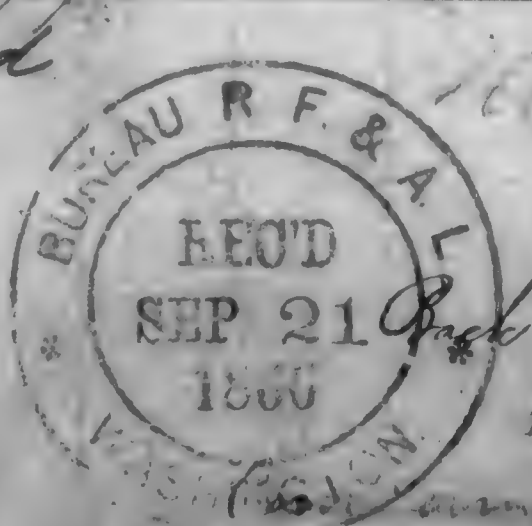
4430. J. A. L. Vol 8 of 86
Bureau. Refugee, Freedmen
Hd. Am. Aft. Commission
Baltimore, Ind. Sept. 20/60

Respectfully returned
Maj. Genl. C. C. Howard
Comr. &c. with attention
invited to within Report
and evidence of Capt.
A. W. Bolenius, V. R. C.
and evidence of Genl.
Shannon (clrd) marked

No. 2.

E. M. Gregory
1301. Maj. Genl.
Aft. Commission

Wrapper Four (4) Enclosure



Now Sept. 20. R. F. & A. L.
Washington Oct. 1/60
Respectfully referred to Major
Brown & Smithers, Solicitors
Bureau R. F. & A. L. to know if
anything can be done in this case
By order of
Maj. Genl. Howard Comr

A. P. Ketchum

as a general

Nothing can be done in
this case, as the jury
refused to act, and by
the advice of U.S. Commissioners
no further action will be
taken

No. 1.

Certificate of Capt.
A. W. Dolmus, in care
of Mr. Hapwood vs. Mrs.
Shannon.

J43 A. F. A. L. Vol 6186

No 1.

In the Matter of
Wm Shannon

a prisoner in Calvert County Jail Md

June 22nd 1866

I certify that I called on Mr. Hopwood
a Justice of the Peace residing at Prince
Fredericktown Calvert Co Md, and requested
him to accompany me to the jail to take
the deposition of the above named Wm
Shannon. The jail is situated not more
than two hundred yards from said Hop-
wood's residence. I also offered to convey
him to the jail in my wagon for the pur-
pose aforesaid. Mr. Hopwood declined
taking the deposition alleging as one
reason that he had no authority to
take the deposition of a negro against
white men. I then proceeded to the
jail and myself took the deposition
of Shannon, first interrogating him on
his knowledge of the obligations of an oath
and then solemnly administering it.

Witness
Wm Shannon
Robert M. M. M.

Wm. B. M. M.
Capt. V. R. M. M.

No. 2.
Evidence of Gen Shannon

July 3^d P. F. A. L. Vol 6, 86.

No 2.

William Shannon being duly sworn deposes and says - I was at Church that Sunday morning. We were engaged in prayer when I heard some voices outside of the Church. I had my head on my hands at the time. I was close to the door, right facing it. I raised my head and saw Mr Joe Blake and Mr John Denton come before the door. Mr Joe Blake said There is one of them. Mr Denton drew his pistol. I slipped up from my knees took my hat and tried to get out of the Church. As I came out of the door Mr Sprigg Bell grabbed me by the arm and Mr Denton grabbed me by the collar. Mr Denton then put his pistol to my breast and snapped it twice. It did not go off. I was trying to escape all the time. The white man said "Kill the damned nigger". "Kill him". "Kill him" "Shoot" "Shoot". I then got loose from them and as I turned to run I fired

my pistol without aiming at any one of the white men. I was about 12 yards away when I fired, and as I fired one of them shot me in the hip. Then I ran and Mr Joe Blake and Mr Denton chased me about three fourths of a mile and fired eight times at me. They caught me and brought me back to the church where several tried to kill me among them Mr Geo Robinson. They then took me before Mr Samuel Syles a magistrate who told them that if he was in their place he would take me down into the woods and hang me. I recognized the following named white men engaged in the affair ~~and~~ at the church Mr McKinstry, Joe Blake, Tom Beckett, Dick Beckett, Sprigg Belt, Charley Bell, Edward Gibson, Edward Robinson, John Denton and one small man name unknown.

Shown to before me this 22nd day of June 1866
at the County Jail Prince Frederick Town Calvert County Md.
Witness
Wm Alexander
Notary Public

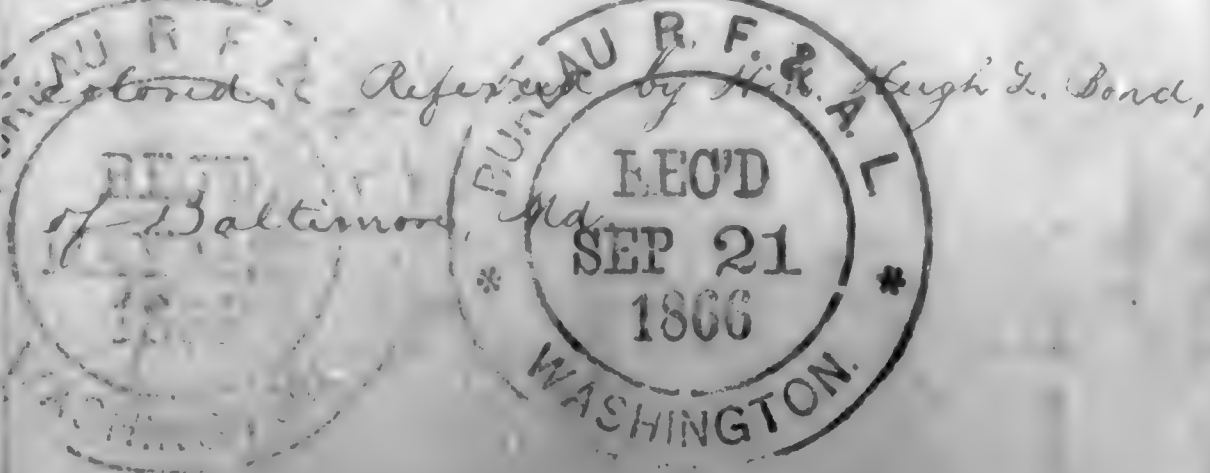
Wm Doleman
Capt. U.S. & Inspector

J 43/R P. A.L. 126/1000

Annapolis, Md. May 21st 1866.

Jordan, H. P.

Relative to an assault made by Dr. Wilkinson, John Denton, Joseph Blake & others (white) upon William Shannon (colored); states that Shannon, after making many efforts to escape, fired his pistol, killing a man named Robinson; Shannon has been indicted for murder, while his assailants are at liberty. Suggests that some action be taken in the matter, under the 'Civil Rights Bill'; as the witnesses are all



Balt^o May 22 66

Magn Jewell

W. C. Howard

My dear Sir,

This matter
is not within my
jurisdiction & I beg
to refer it to your
attention

Very truly
Yours
H. P. Jordan

War Department

Bureau R. F. & C.

Washington May 21/66

Respectfully referred to Col
Maj Gen Starnes & Lt Col
with directions that if the
within statement is correct
measures be taken to bring
the matter before the proper
authorities that the parties
mentioned ^{may} be held to account
before the proper civil tribunals
By order of

Maj Gen. Forward Comd

A. P. Ketchum

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Off. C. and M. V. (J) 225-2-



State Library.

Annapolis, May 21st 1866

Hon. Hugh L. Bond; -

My Dear Sir: - I have just returned from Calvert County Circuit Court - where I went to have the case of Mr. Shannon removed to some other County - and I take the liberty to give you the facts in the case, hoping you may be able to have the real offender brought to trial before the District or Circuit Court of the U. S. -

Shannon is a colored man, a returned federal soldier - who, in company with his brother James E. Shannon, after they were discharged, went home to see their mother, and on Saturday - James E. Shannon and Dr. John Wilkinton had some difficulty, in which Mr. Shannon took no part in any way - On Sabbath morning, with Dr. Wilkinton in company with John Denton - Joseph Blake, Sping Bell - Charles Bell - Thomas Becket and a number

of others went to the Colored peoples Church,
where they were at worship, - with Clubs
and pistols they surrounded the Church, fir-
mited a pistol at Mr Shannon while he
was on his knees. Shannon then tried
to make his escape at the door, but was
seized by one of the white men, but got
loose from him. They snatched two pistols
at his belt. Crying "Shoot the d-d negro,
Kill him Kill him" all the time Shan-
non trying to make his escape but find-
ing they would kill him he (Shannon) fired
his pistol killing a young man by the
name of Robinson - Shannon has been
indicted for murder. While these men
who went to the House of God to commit a
felony on Shannon are not even appre-
hended. The prosecutor of that County not
allowing the Colored people to testify against
these white gentlemen, the man who acted
in self defence is indicted for murder, while
the real offenders are at liberty.

Now I do hope steps will be taken to
have these men arrested and held to

eruent the action of the Grand Jury
of the U S Circuit Court for the District
of Maryland - The 1st Sec of the Civil
Rights Bill provided, I think, for just
such cases -

I have written to Hon. Mr. J. Jones
District Atty. of the U S for Md and given
him the facts -

We greatly need a Commission-
oner of the U. S. for this and Calvert Co.

Hoping you may be able to give, if need-
say, some attention to this case in the way
of having them brought to justice //

I am as ever yours -

H. P. Jordan -

The witnesses are all colored, as follows -
Henson Dowell - Kinzie Goss - Abram King -
Joseph Robinson - Thomas Norfolk - John Green
James Brown - Maria Smallwood - Hannah Dowell
Martha Dowell - Deance Biers - Mr. Shannon

N^o 1

G. S. Van Derlip

Agent Annapolis

Received Oct. 3. 1866

Annapolis Md October, 3rd 1866.
Messrs Brown & Smithers
Solicitors & C
Washington. D.C.

Sent

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your communication of the 3rd inst.

The case of The People vs W^m Shannon was removed
from Calvert to Howard Co and was tried before the
Circuit Court of Howard Co on the 4th 5th 6th 7th & 8th of
September. The case was warmly contested. Five
of the white men who were engaged in the assault
were witnesses against him and although 12
respectable colored men swore to an entirely
different state of facts, (and if they had been
believed would have justified him,) yet the
Jury compromised on a verdict of Manslaughter.

I do not know of any colored person's being
taken before the Grand Jury to testify. My
connection with the case commenced after
he had been indicted and the case removed
to Howard Co. W^m Hopwood, the

Magistrate at Prince Frederick town
refused to take the deposition of Shannon
or to issue Warrants for the arrest of White
Persons on the depositions of Colored men.

I appeared before the U. S. Commissioner at
Baltimore and procured a warrant for his
arrest. He was held to await the action of
the U. S. Grand Jury. On the 4th of September
I appeared before the U. S. Grand Jury but I
do not know whether they found a bill
against him. I have written to Baltimore
making the enquiry, and will transmit
you the reply, when received.

I am Gentlemen

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm L. Vanderlip

Prot Major & Sept &c

No. 2

H. J. Van Derlip.
Agent Annapolis.
Received Oct. 4th 1866.

Annapolis Md Oct. 4 1866.
Messrs Brown & Smith
Solicitors &c
Washington, D.C.

Gent,

I have the honor to state that I
am informed that Mr Hopwood
was not indicted by the U.S. Grand
Jury for refusing to take the depo-
sition of Mr Shannon.

Sam Guttenberg

Your obedient servant.
Wm S. Stauderhif
Notary & Supt &c

War Department
Bureau of Refugees &c

Washington Oct 22nd 64

Respectfully returned to Bot
May. Genl E. M. Gregory Asst
Comm of Md. for such future ac-
tion as the interests of the Bureau
may invite, and the circumstances
render practicable

By order of

May Genl O. O. Howard

A. P. Ketchum

E. I. O. p. 34.

A. A. O. Genl

J. Office of Solicitors,
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, Oct. 20/66.

Respectfully returned to
the Bureau, and enclosing herewith
the further statement of
the Supt. of Calvert Co. Md.
in reply to a communication
from this Office, mailed Nov. 17/2.

From the evidence disclosed,
we are clearly of the opinion
that the Magistrate who
refused to hear the colored
witnesses, ought to have been
presented by the Grand Jury of
the U. S. District or Circuit Court,
under the provisions of the Act to
protect persons in their Civil
Rights. That they did not do
so is a proper subject for inquiry
by the next Grand Jury that
may meet in that District.

Brown & Smithers
Solicitors &c &c. &c.
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W36 R. D. & A. L. 1866
J. 4
Balt: July 18th 1866.

Maryland,
R. Chandler,
Act. Asst. Comm.

Forwards memorandum of
case of Mrs. Wm Jones, (col'd)
who state that her husband is
attached to the Dep of War St.
Marys, that she is destitute;
and desires to know if there
is any way by which she can
draw her husband's pay.

Recd July 19th

Order No. 60
Recd. Bur. R. & A. L. C. D. July 19/66.

AC 225-4
Bureau of R. & A. L.
Office of Asst. Comm.
Baltimore, Md
July 12. 1866.

Respectfully forward-
ed to Maj. Gen. Howard
commissioner -

R Chandler
Act. Asst. Comm.
actg. Asst. Comm.
843.9-28.

Her Apartment Dep. of R. & A. L.
Washington D. C. July 18. 1866
Respectfully referred to Major
Fowler

By order of
Maj. Gen. Howard
A. P. Ketchum
A. A. A. Genl

(Wm. JONES)

As. B. No. 139.
War Department
Bureau R. & A. L.
Claim Division
Washington Aug 9th 1866

Respectfully returned to Bot.
A. Col. R. Chandler / A. A. L.
I know of no way by which
Mrs Jones can draw her
husband's pay

By order of
Maj. Gen. Howard
A. A. L. Genl

Mrs. William Jones (colored) states that her husband was transferred from the Army to the Navy, and is now attached to the U. S. Sloop of War St. Marys. That she is in destitute circumstances, and cannot provide for herself & three children. That her husband has written her frequent letters stating that he cannot obtain money to send her, as he has not been paid for a long time.

She requests to be informed if there is not some way by which she can receive money from her husband's pay.

U. S. Ship St Marys
Feb 22. 1866

My Dear Wife I hope these few lines
will find you and the Children well
as they love me. My dear what is the reason
you dont write to me this makes 3 letters
i have wrought to you and i have not got
a answer from you. My dear i think you
think hard of me not sending you money
but my dear you must not think hard of me
not sending you any for my dear we have
got one of the gratis old raskels for a Captain
you ever did see he wont lett no man in
the ship have a Cent of money, so my dear
what can i do nothing, but at any rate i
think it wont be long now before i will
be home with you and my dear little Children
so now my dear dont think hard of me but
write often and that is no doubt but we
will get along yet, these lines serves me
well and in good health, well my dear
i will close these few lines hoped they may
find you and the Children well as they
love me, now my dear belve me ever your

affectionate husband

William Jones

To his wife

Charity Jones

Mrs. Charity Jones -

34 N. Eutaw St. -

U. S. Ship St Mary's

Panama Bay

March 8th 1868

My Dear wife

I take great pleasure in writing these few lines to you hoping this letter will find you all well as this leaves me here at present you must excuse me for not writing sooner but we have been so busy sailing about from one place to another that I have not had time to do anything so now we have arrived in Panama where I think we shall stop for eight or nine months upon spoke for a money order in your letter that is a thing which we cannot get in this ship or else I would send it with all my heart and as for money we very seldom see a dollar but keep your heart up I expect to be home very soon in about two months more I hope I shall see you again give my kind love to the children And if you can get any relief from any friend until I come home where I will make everything all right to them Oh if some of our friends would lend you some money in advance they will oblige me very much so I must conclude

Westerloun Kent Co. Md
J. 5 July 19th 1866

Johnston James M.
2^d Lieut V.R.C.

Reports the Condition
of the Freedmen in
Kent Co Md &c

Ab. Mayors J/225-5.

Chester town. Kent Co. Md

July 19th 1862

Capt Jacob F. Chur

U.S.A.

Captain.

I have the honor to report - that in obedience to orders. I have established my Head Quarters at this place. I have visited a portion of Queen Anne County. and a considerable portion of this County. and by personal investigation. as well as from statements of numerous reliable men. I find the condition of the Freedmen quite as encouraging as any section of the country I have visited. and what is lacking is generally their fault. This being an agricultural District. labor is in great demand. wages rate as follows: "Field Hands" from \$15- to \$20- per month. "Harvest Hands" from \$2- to \$2.50 per day. "House-Servants" \$6- per month - Their wages is promptly paid them - There is no necessity for any one being unemployed. There seems to be a disposition

on part of the white population to do justice
towards the colored race. and prevent abuses.

Tho. a large portion are "My Policy" men. and
feel sorely over the emancipation of their slaves.
They say it was ^{not} the fault of the colored man
and they attach no blame to him.

I notice a restless disposition on part
~~of the~~ freedmen. which is not profitable to them,
and causes great inconvenience to the employer.

It seems they cannot set a due value on
their labor. and are ever dissatisfied with
their wages - and rarely remain longer than
a few days with one man. but are constantly chang-
ing places - And especially is this the case with
House servants (women) - They wish to be constantly gadding
about the streets - and their great desire is to get
to Baltimore as their "Suumum Bonum" -

There are five or six schools and several
churches in this County. which appear to
be in a prosperous condition. and have
met no hindrance since the establishment
of the Freedmen's Bureau in this State - I
learn from reliable sources. That the moral
effect of the Bureau in the State and the

occasional visits of its Officers thro' the
Country. have done much more towards pre-
serving harmony, and preventing abuses.
than we had anticipated - a general im-
pression prevails, that the powers of the Bureau
are much more enlarged than is the case -
and of course, we do not say "they are only ad-
visory" - There is scarcely any foreign
element in the population, and the abuses
occasioned by it in many places, are almost-
unknown here -

My information, aside from personal observation
I have gathered chiefly from Ex-Army Officers -
men who are sound to the core -

I will be most happy from time
to time, to receive instructions and suggestions
from you

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
J. C. Johnston
2 Street N. R. C.

J. 7

Chester town

Kent Co. Md

July 21st 1866

Johnston James M-
2^d Lieut V.R.C.

Forwards additional
evidence in case
of "Complainant of
Charlotte Brown (w^o)

Wraus

Buy - F. Beck

Ab mssw/J/226-7.

Chester town. Kent Co. Md

July 21st 1866

Capt. J. H. Chur
A. A. A. A. A.

Captain:

I have the honor to forward to you the following additional statement in regard to the "Complaint of Charlotte Brown (col'd) versus Benj. F. Beck" which I returned to you on the 19th ult. with all the evidence I could procure up to that time - and so far - was substantially correct: I had made every effort to find the colored woman in order to get her statement, but had failed to do so. And the statement I forwarded, was taken from persons conversant with the circumstances and also from the Records of the Orphans Court -

She came to me last evening and gives the following additional statement:

"After the enactment of the 'Emancipation act' - The Boy was hired by her to a citizen for \$50. per year. Clothing and board - being 12 years of age - She (Charlotte Brown) at the time of the

Apprenticing. (Nov 5th 1864). was a hired house-
servant to Mr Beck - On the evening of
Nov 4/64 - Mr Beck said to her "You must
go to the Court House tomorrow" - Said she
"What is wrong Mr Beck? What have I done
that I must go to the Court House?" "Nothing" - said
he. "There will no harm be done you" -

she replied, if it were for purpose of binding
her boy, Edmund, she would not go - That
she would never give her Consent to such
thing - As the Government had set them free,
and the boy was too large to be apprenticed
as a vagrant - that he had been supporting
himself and earning wages besides -

Beck replied "If you do not come, means will
be found to bring you there" - In order
to prevent violence she says she went
to the Court next day - where (in the same
words, and for the same reasons) she refused her
Consent" - The Judge said to Beck "She
is right: it is only Justice" - When
the Recorder closed and laid away the
Book of Record of indentures - She
left the Court - believing ^{the} boy was not

apprenticed to "Beck" - nor did she
know different for some time after -

I forward this to you for file. in
order if further action is had in these
cases. The full statement may be at hand.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
J. M. Johnston
2nd Lieut V. R. C.

J. L.

Bureau Refugee, Freedmen &c.

Baltimore, Md. July 25th /66.

Johnston, Jas. M.
Lieut. and Inspectr.

Forwards Consolidated
Report of Freedmen Affairs
in Queen Anne^{and} Kent
Counties Maryland.

ab. m. w. v. / J / 226-8

Queen Anne

Baltimore July 25th 1866

Capt Jacob F. Thur

Agent

Captain.

I have the honor
to report ^{that} in obedience to Special Orders No 13.
C.S. from these Head Quarters. I proceeded to
Chester town, Kent Co. Md. to investigate the Condition
of Freedmen affairs, in the Counties of Queen Ann.
Kent and Cecil.

I visited portions of
Queen Ann & Kent Counties, and finding but one
species of Complaint or abuse. I reported the facts
accordingly. And awaited instructions or a decision
from these Head Quarters, by which I could
regulate my action, in the cases brought before me.

The species of Complaint made was. "The
Apprenticing of the Minors of Freedmen, without
Consent of their parents, to their former masters
by the Orphans' Courts"

This System of abuse was carried to
such an unwarrantable extent by the latter
part of 1864, that Genl Sew. Wallace, issued

orders prohibiting the further binding of freedmen's children, and since that time there have been but few cases of apprenticing by the O. C.

The former masters went before the Orphans Courts and made statement that these minor children having been set free by the "Emancipation Act" were then in a state of vagrancy and incapable of supporting themselves, and that it was for purposes humane, and in kindness to these their former slaves that they desired to have them bound to them, in order that they might care for them and teach them habits of industry and usefulness. But it is a noticeable fact, that these Philanthropists only brot forward for binding, such children as would be of service to themselves, and children below 11 years of age, were left to the tender mercies of their parents.

As the indentures must show that the parents of the children were present at the time of binding. They were brot before the Court, either by false statements, threats, or per force. In many cases it was said to them, "if they would go before the Courts, and refuse their consent to the binding, the children

could not be apprenticed: in other cases they were threatened with violence if they did not come forward: and when all other expedients failed to induce the parties to appear: they were then bro't there by the kindly offices of the Sheriffs. Constables &c.

As I did not receive any instructions or decisions from these Head Quarters until the day previous to my being relieved from duty in that Dist. by S. G. 19. C. S. These & D. 200. I have but few complaints to present in form. Many complaints were made to me concerning the aforementioned abuse, but having no precedent from which to act, I directed the Complainants to come before me about the 28th of this month, as then I confidently expected instructions, and would then advise them what course they must pursue. But the cases I have already referred to this Office, together with those accompanying this report, will serve to show the nature of the complaints generally, which are very numerous, as the majority of former Slaveholders, generally, each hold several bound Minors. The parents tho' reporting but few cases of unkind treatment to their children. Still are very desirous

of having them returned to their Keeping. That they may have the benefit of their service. but chiefly, as they express it "that they may send them to schools, and let them have the benefit of that education which was denied themselves, and which will be withheld their children by their masters": as is shown to be the case by the form of indenture, which states that, "certain outfits or a certain sum of money will be given, in lieu of schooling" - My opinion is, the holders of these children will relinquish all claim to them without much trouble, on being notified by the Bureau to do so, as they have been holding them, not from any sense of Justice, right, or security, but - that the matter heretofore has not been called in question -

The Adult Freedmen and their Minors (not apprenticed) Capable of performing labor, are very generally employed, at good wages, which they acknowledge is promptly paid them, their wages rate as follows:

"Harvest Hands: \$2. to \$2.50 per day: Field Hands
\$15- to \$20- per month. House servants (females)
from \$6- to \$8- per month - Minor boys from
12 to 14 years of age \$50- per year Clothing &
Subsistence. Girls of same age: \$25- per year
Clothing & board - Their treatment is generally
kind. Labor abundant.

There is on part of a great many Freedmen
a feeling of distrust towards their former masters
and white citizens generally, and the farmers
experience great inconvenience in retaining
laborers any length of time in their service.
As the Schools are not now open, nor will
be, until some time in September, ^{I have but little to report,} I learn no
interruption has been thrown in their way, since
it was known the Bureau was giving them their
attention. It is the opinion of many of the best
men with whom I have conversed, that the
locating by the Bureau, of officers, in different
localities, or the frequent visits of the Officers of the
Bureau thro' the Counties, will have a most ben-
eficial effect, in promoting harmony between
the Employers & Employed, and that, now
there is a feeling of confidence springing

up among the white men, in regard to the
operations of the Bureau, and the action
of its officers.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant
John Johnston
2 June 1866

J. J.

Bureau Refuges, Freedmen &

Baltimore, Md. July 25th 1866

Johnston, Jas. M.
Secret. and Inspect.

Forwards Consolidated
Report of Freedmen Affairs
in Seven Annals and Kent
County Maryland.

AB. m. 2700. J/226-8

J. H. Pru. R. F. & A. 2 Ind. 1866.

Dehton, Caroline, Co.

Frid. Oct. 31. 1866.

Jump, Josiah
Clerk Circuit Court

Report, no cases of murder
committed by or on freed-
men since the adoption
of the new State Constitution

Recd. aft. Comm. Nov. 8. 1866.

Putnam, Caroline County Md
October 31st 1866.

W. H. Wigel

Deot. Col. and Adjt. Genl

Wm. W.

Your favor of the 26th Inst. has been received.
and in reply state, there has been no murders
committed by or on Freedmen in this County since
the adoption of the New State Constitution as appears
from the records in this Office.

Yours Very respectfully

Joseph J.ump Esq

Centerville Md.
March 6, 1867.

Johnson, Wm A.
Register of Wills

Furnishes number of Col-
ored apprentices bound
out in Queen Anne's
Co. Md.

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Recd. aft. Comm. Md. & Del. March 8 / 67.

Centerville, Ind.

Lieut. Ed. C. Knower.

March 6th 1867.

Dear Sir:—

Your Letter dated Febr. 18th 1867, requesting me "to furnish you with a Statement of the number of colored Apprentices in Queen Anne's County under existing Apprenticeship laws", came to hand a few days ago.—

Yours of March 4th, in which ^{you} again request "information relative to the number of colored apprentices, at present, bound out in your (Queen Anne's) County"—and that you are unwilling to believe that my failure to respond to your inquiry is attributable to any "prejudice" against the Bureau, is now before me.—

This latter remark whether properly made, or not—is true in fact—and would have been equally true—if you had added—partiality.— In the discharge of my official duties—I hope I am influenced by neither of the one, nor the other.—

A Litter reflection will enable you to see that the question, which you propound is not so easy of solution.—

The existing apprenticeship laws date, as far back as 1818 - and though the indentures of all the colored apprentices for twenty one years past are on file in my office, yet if you desire an estimation of the number in this county, who now bear the relation of apprentices, and desire the same, as I am led to believe for reliable and statistical purposes - when you call to mind the number, who have become free, the number, who have died, the number, who have absconded, the number, who have been absolved from that relation by the death of those to whom they were bound, and by the judgment of the courts, the numbers that enlisted during the war; the number that were abandoned by their masters in consequence of the military orders of Gen. Wallace, a short time subsequently to the adoption of the present Constitution and from other causes - (which number I have means of ascertaining) you can readily perceive the difficulty, I have in giving even an approximate answer to the question you proposed. -

The number of those indentured since the 10th Novr 1864 to the present time is 149 (one hundred & forty nine) and I think by making a fair deduction from that number by several of the causes above enumerated, that the number that now sustain that relation is not, in all probability, more than 75 (seventy five)

Very Respectfully

W. A. Johnson, Reg. Wills

I. H. Bee. R. F. & G. L. Wad. & Del. 1867

Dorchester Co.
Cambridge Md.

April 3 1867.

Jackson, John L.

Clark & Co. Comm

Dorchester County

Cannot furnish information
relative to Unfortunate colored
people. And recommends that
he write to Trustees of
Alms house - Dorchester Co.
Md.

Recd. Apt. Comm. Md. & Del. April 5 1867.

Cambridge, Md., April 3rd, 1867.
St. Edward C. Knower-

Your letter dated March 25th came to hand, requesting the Commissioners of Dorchester County to furnish you with a list of the "Blind, deaf & dumb, Imbecile or Idiotic, Insane and Club Foot," of Colored people of this county.

I have to state in answer that it is impossible for the commissioners to give the information requested of them, as they themselves have no knowledge of the number. If you would write to the Trustees of Dorchester County Asylum, they can furnish you with the number of unfortunates in that Institution.

Very Respectfully yours

John T. Jackson.
Clerk to Commrs Dorchester County.

Wrote to Trustees Dorchester Co. Annapolis Apr. 17 '67

Wm. Jones
Mrs. Jones

J. 17. B. R. 1st Co. 2nd Del. 507.

Elkton, Cecil Co. Md.

April 8 1867.

Jones, W. J.

Forwards additional esti-
mate for material required
in building School house
for Freedmen at Elkton
Cecil Co. Md.

Recd. Capt. Garrison, Md. 2nd Del. Sept. 15 1867.

WM. J. JONES, Attorney at Law,
Elkton, Cecil Co., Md.

April 8th 1867

Dear Genl: — Mr Rambo
was here this morning and says some
other stuff is necessary, a Bill of which
I enclose you. He is a little indisposed
to go to work without some assurance
that the people will meet the expenses
of the job. I believe they have funds
enough on hand to pay for the mason work
and the hauling of the stone. The stone they
got for nothing. The winter has been very cold
hard, none at all, and the people poor,
but I think when they get to work again

they will save some money but
it will be a big job for them, without
some aid. They need constant urging
up.

Yours Truly W. J. Jones

J. 17. Ba. E. 74. Co. 5. 1827.

Ekston, Cecil Co. Md.

April 8, 1827.

Jones, W. J.

Forwards additional esti-
mate for building aqueduct
in building Ekston house
for Messrs. at Ekston
Cecil Co. Md.

Recd. of W. J. Jones & Co. Apr. 11, 1827.

J. S. K. P. M. & Co. 1867.

Bailor Corporation & Co.

Baltimore Md.

April 10th 1867.

Janney, R. W.

Actuary

Report ten School houses
in course of erection in Md.
from lumber furnished by
the Govt. through the Bureau.

Recd. apt. Comm. Md. & Del. Apr. 11

Dec 31 1867

Better Copied in H.C.

Baltimore Md.

April 10 1867

January, A. M.

October

Report ten school houses
in some of sections in the
from number furnished by
the clerk through the Bureau

Dec 31 1867

12 Posts	4 + 8	23 ft long	^{Per Board} 732
3 Borders	7 + 9	32 " "	504
3 Ties	4 + 7	34 " "	106
2 "	4 + 7	29 " "	135
2 "	4 + 7	27 " "	126
1 "	4 + 6	18 " "	36
2 "	4 + 6	16 " "	64
7 "	4 + 6	14 " "	196
1000 ft Boards	20 Panel		1,000
Total			2,899

BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION FOR THE
Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People,

Rooms 4 and 5 Tyson's Building, N. W. Corner of Charles and Lexington Sts.

Baltimore, th April 10 1867.

Major Genl. C. M. Gregory
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Baltimore Md

Sir

I have to report
that we have now Ten (10) School Houses
in course of erection (in this State) from
lumber furnished by U. S. Government through
the Bureau of R. F. & A. Lands.

O. M. J. Harvey
Secretary

J. C. D. R. F. D. S. Ind. & Del. 1867.

Commissioner's Office
South Hill, Worcester Co. Mass.

April 5th 1867.

Jones, Jas. S.
Clerk to Co. Commrs.

States that the Unfortunates
Among the colored people
in Worcester Co. are provided
for in the Co. Almshouse
at the expense of the County.

Recd. Capt. Comm. Ind. & Del. Apr. 12 1867.

Commissioners Office
Snow Hill Worcester Co. M.
April 3th 1867

Sir,

Yours of the 25th ult, was duly
received, and I laid the communication
before the Commissioners of this County
at their meeting, held on the first Inst.
after having been read to the board.

I was directed by the Commissioners
to say to you, that this County has a
public "Alms House" where unfortunate
coloured residents of the County, and
even unfortunate whites are received,
and provided for, at the expense of the County,

Respectfully Yours
Lieut. C. C. Knapp
J. B. V. C. J. C. Jas. S. Jones Clerk to
the Commrs of Wor. Co. M.

See B.R. Vol. 1, p. 100, 1867.

Elkton, Cecil Co. Md.

April 16th 1867.

Jones, W. J.

Forwards names of parties
to whom written for
statistics in regard to
unfortunate colored
people in Cecil Co.

WM. J. JONES, Attorney at Law,
Elkton, Cecil Co., Md.

April 16th 1867

Dear Sir:- Your letter reached me during court and has thus been laid over until now. I enclose partial list as you direct but have been unable to obtain statistics from the whole county the 4th, 5th, 6th 7th 8th & 9th districts are not included in my list. Letters addressed to the following persons will complete the information

David Scott of the Stewart Delaware for 4th dist
Dr H. B. Morrison North East, Maryland " 5th dist
Azariah Rittenhouse Rising Sun Maryland " 6th "

William Parker Port Deposit Maryland for 700 dist
Thomas Gubb Pleasant Grove Penna for 800 dist

Dr Turner Quick meeting House for 900 dist.

Yours Truly

W. J. Jones

W. J. Jones, Secy. of the

Edkton, Cecil Co. Md.

April 16, 1827.

Yours, Sir, J.

Yours, Sir, J.
his son, son of the
Statistics in regard to
unfortunate colored
people in Cecil Co.

Sancti Spiritus

Baltimore Md.

July 28th 1867

Fanny R. W.

Actuary

Balti. Apem. for Int & E. Inf. Col. Pa

Application for transportation
for two teachers from Balt.
Md. to New Bedford Mass.

Application for transportation
made July 26th by Telegram to
Genl F. D. Sewall. aadg
Recd Genl Secy War Dept. July 27th

BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION FOR THE
Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People,

Rooms 4 and 5 Tyson's Building, N. W. Corner of Charles and Lexington Sts.

Baltimore, July 25th 1867

General E. M. Gregory
Freedman's Bureau, Balt.
General:

I have the honor to request that
transportation be furnished for the following named
teachers of Freedmen for this Association, to their homes,
viz:

Mrs Sarah A. Armstrong from Balt. to New Bedford, Mass.
Miss Martha B. Briggs " " " "

Very Respectfully,

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

R. M. Samney

Actuary

per Bro Core

Chf. Clk.

~~Letter to A. K. in 1867~~

Baltimore Md.
Aug. 29th 1867

Jannay R. M.

Receipt for transportation
order No. 1963 for H. H.
Hartman teacher.

Transportation sent
to Jannay Augt 29,

Baltimore Md. Aug 29 1867

HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE.

Baltimore, August 29 1867

Received from Lieut. E. Knauer a. a. c.
Bureau R. F. & A. S. for District of Md. & Delaware
Transportation orders No 1969. for Henry J. Hartwell
from Annsburg Md to Baltimore Md

R. M. Janney
Actuary
per Mr Core
ch. l. l. l.

Exc-^o J. L. G. L. B. & Co. L. Balto. 1868

Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & C. L.

Washington D.C.

Sept. 3rd 1868

Dear Sir,

Agt. in charge Claims Div.

Acknowledges receipt of papers
in the claims for arrears of Pay
Bounty &c. of

Stranger Jones B. 9th Regt. I.

Wm. Lively J. 39th Regt. I.

J. H. Green, Unassigned Regt.

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1868

Recd. Office S. A. L. B. & Co. L. Balto. Sept. 7th 1868

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Sept 3^d, 186 .

Bt Capt E.C. Knowers

Agent mounted

Сур-

Baltinora Ind.

I am directed by Major-General C. C. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for arrears of pay, bounty &c in the case of the following-named _____ soldiers:

Rank	Name	Company	Regt.	Batt.	Co.
1st Lieut.	Oranger Jones	Det Co.	129	Regt.	U. S. C.
2nd Lieut.	Wm. Lively	"	D. 39	"	"
3rd Lieut.	John H. Groat	unassigned	"	"	"

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

William P. Hew,

Agent in the Dr.

C. S. P. to the Hon. Secy. 1868.

Philadelphia Pa,

May 14th 1868

Genl. A. S.

State that he will be in Bala
on Saturday May 16th and attend
in person to the complaints of
Simon Butter made against
him.

Mr. J. P. Ballou,
and agreed to give
up children

1868

Recd. 1868

Recd. Capt. Com. 1st + 4d. Regt. 15th 1868

Philadelphia & Reading Rail Road Co.

Office 227 South Fourth St.

Philad.^a

May 14th 1868

Capt
Edw. C. Snower

Sir

In regard to the Negroes
that you speak about, I will be
in Balto on Saturday morning
and see you in person

Yours Truly

Geo W Jones

H. 1. Ba. R. F. No. 2. Vol. 1866

Depot Dr. Mr. Office

Baltimore, Md.

Sept. 28, 1866.

Kimball, A. S.

Post. Maj. ^{Gen} Depot Dr. Mr.

Request a list of all
officers now on duty
in Freedmen's Bureau
in this Dept.

K

Recd. Capt. Comm. Md. Sept. 28/66

Depot Quartermaster's Office,

Baltimore, September 25th 1866.

Major Genl. W. H. Gregory.

Commissioner Freedmen's Bureau.
Baltimore Md.

General:

Will you please furnish me with a
list of the Officers that are now on duty in your
Bureau in this City?

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt.

A. M. Eimann.
Bvt Maj and Depot Q. M.

Bk 32. 389

R. S. B. C. H. K. L. Nov. 1866

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c.
Hd. Qu. Capt. Commissioner
Baltimore, Md. Nov. 1, 1866.

Knower, Edw. C.
Capt. & R. C. Dir. Office.

Report of Monies received
and disbursed during the
present year up to Nov.
1, 1866.

Recd. Capt. Comm. Hd. Nov. 1, 1866.

Bureau of P. F. & A. Lands
Head Qrs. Assist. Commiss.

Baltimore Md. November 11th 1866.

Pres. Maj. Gen. E. M. Gregory,
Assist. Commiss. B. of P. F. & A. L.
for Maryland,
Baltimore Md.

General:

I have the honor to submit the following report of all monies received and disbursed at these Head Qrs. during the present year up to the 11th day of November 1866.

No Disbursing Officer had been appointed for this District previous to July 1866. when in compliance with letter of July 19th 1866. from Pres. Col. Geo. W. Balloch, Chief Disbursing Officer for the Bureau, Capt. Jacob F. Chur was detailed for that duty.

Capt. Chur was relieved from his duties August 6th 1866. by Pres. Lt. Col. W. A. Samotte, who was also succeeded August 31st 1866. by me,
(over)

Report.					
Monies Received.	Dolls. Cts.		Monies disbursed	Dolls. Cts.	
1866. July 31 st	391	00	For Salaries.	1391	46
" Aug. 27.	1100	00	" Rents.	538	28
" Sept. 26.	131	10	" Postage	65	00
" Octob. 5.	770	00	" Expenses of Officers	60	96
" " 6	3200	00	Trans. Fund. Order.	14	37
" " 25.	14	50	" Ont. Rev. Sat.	24	00
" " 30	43	48	" Hauling Rations at War.	3342	53.
			" Purchases.	14	50
			" Miscellaneous Expenses		
			Balance on hand		
			November 1 st 1866.	198	98
Total \$	5650	08	Total \$	5650	08

\$3200 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ of amount stated as disbursed
 "for Purchases" was expended in the purchase at
 Auctionsale of sixteen (16) Government buildings,
 (formerly known as Hicks U.S. Genl. Hospital), to
 be used in erecting Schoolhouses for colored Children.

Dam, General,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

Edw. C. Knower

Capt. U.S. Dist. Officer.

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Baltimore Md
Dec 14th 66

King Francis J.

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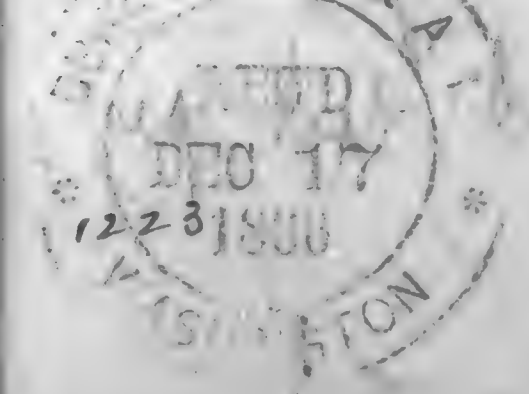
Inquires if aid can be ex-
tended to Freedmen's Schools
in the State of Delaware.

K. 4. R. R. G. A. L. - Ind. - 1866

Received by Capt. G. R. 1866

Dec 17 1866

Received by Capt. G. R. 1866



Recd. Capt. G. R. Ind. Dec. 18 1866.

Recd Dec 15 66

War Department
Bureau P. & A. S.
Washington Dec 17. 1866

Respectfully referred to Post
Brig. Genl. C. M. Gregory, Dist.
Commissioner for Md. who will
see that the amended
Bureau Law with reference to
this case, and take such
action as in his judgment
the facts warrant.

By order of

Major Genl O. O. Howard,

A. P. Ketchum
Adj. A. Genl.

E. B.
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and - by the

The letter

Balto 12/14. 1866

Howard
Friend

I spent last
Wilmington Dele
Many gentlemen
had called together
ass for the edu-
cational improvement of the
people. An effort of
has been made in
it, as it is a border
case, like ourselves
and, have an efficient
organization if they can
fairly started.

The benefit of our
+ among other prom-
them they would
primary aid to the pro-
the Bureau - without
they did not see how

Balti 12/14. 1862

Genl O. Howard
Dear friend,

I spent last evening in Wilmington Dela with some thirty gentlemen whom I had called together to form an ass^y for the educational improvement of the colored people. No effort of the kind has been made in that state, & as it is a border one, they can, like ourselves in Maryland, have an efficient home organization if they can once be fairly started.

I gave them the benefit of your experience & among other promises I told them they would have pecuniary aid & the protection of the Bureau - without the latter they did not see how

They could maintain schools
in parts of two Counties.
To my dismay this A.M. I was
told that the Bureau did not
cover Delaware.

Is there any way that its aid
could be extended to them?
No State in the Union needs en-
lightenment more than Dela.
Their Com^{tee} is to meet on the 17th
inst & I would esteem it a
special favor if I could get thy
reply by an early mail.

The Ep^{sc} Bishop of Delaware,
Lee, presided at this informal
meeting & takes the deepest in-
terest in the matter. If they
get fairly under way, can I
promise them a speech from
thee at their first public mg?

With sincere regard & respect

Thy friend
Francis T. King

K. S. B. R. H. & Co. L. D. 1867.

Depot Dr. Imi. Office
Baltimore, Md. Jan. 28/67.

Kimball, A. S.
Capt. A. S. M. U. S. A.

Requests a list of officers
on duty in the Bureau
in the city of Baltimore.

Furnished

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1867

Recd. 12 ft. Comm. M. D. Jan. 28 1867.

Depot Quartermaster's Office,

Baltimore, January 28th 1867.

Col Maj Genl E. M. Gregory.
Asst Comm. Bureau Dep. &c.
Baltimore, Md.

General. Will you please send me a list of
the Officers now on duty in your Bureau, and
in this City?

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt.
W. H. Munnball

Capt. and A. Q. M. U. S. A.

Book 33. 164. A. Q. M. U. S. A.

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Deceased Refugees, Freedmen &c.
Hd. In. Aft. Comr. Md. & Del.
Baltimore, Md. March 17 1867.

Kerover, Edw. & G.
J. Smith & Co. S. D. & A. C. A. Comr.

Certified copy of Report
of the number of colored
apprentices at present
bound in the State of
Maryland, under ex-
isting laws.

Wrapper - One (1) Enclosure

Deceased Refugees, Freedmen &c.
Hd. In. Aft. Comr. Md. & Del.
Baltimore, Md. March 12 1867.

Respectfully forwarded
(thru Hd. In. Commissioners
Washington D.C.) to Prot. Brig.
Genl. Chas. H. Howard,
Aft. Commissioner Bu R. F.
and A. L. Washington, D. C.

Prot. Maj. Genl. Aft. Comr.

~~African Refugee, Freedmen &c.
Hd. Qu. Capt. Comm. Md. & Del.
Baltimore, Md. March 11 / 1867.~~

~~Gregory, E. Dr.
Capt. Maj. Genl. Capt. Comm.~~

~~Report of the number
of Colored Apprentices
apparent bound in the
State of Maryland un-
der existing Laws.~~

Report of the number of Colored Apprentices, at present bound in the State of Maryland, under Existing Laws.

County	Number bound prior to Emancipation Act	Number bound since Emancipation Act	Total bound before & after Emancipation Act	Apprentices held	Remarks.
Baltimore City	220	37	257	172.	This is as near the correct number as was left to obtain. The Records are very defectively kept, no report of deaths or other changes being recorded on the books.
Baltimore Co.	105	112	217	143.	Same as above
Howard	185	49	234	99.	Same as above

Continued.

County	Number bound prior to Emancipation Act.	Number bound since Emancipation Act.	Total bound before ^{and} after Emancipation Act.	At present held	Remarks.
Carroll	32	8	40	40	There is no difference between the indentures of White & colored children in this County all have to be taught reading, writing, and casting up accounts. But few children, are now being bound in this County. Mostly at the requests of parents
Washington			5	5	Since December 19 th 1865. The Orphans Court of this County have refused to bind persons of color.
Alleghany			7	7	This is the whole number ^{bound} in Alleghany Co. during the last three years

Continued.

County	Number bound prior to Emancipation Act	Number bound since Emancipation Act	Total bound before & after Emancipation Act	At present held	Remarks
Hanford			180	75	This is believed to be very near the number left after deducting number released by civil Court, died ran away &c. Same as above
Cecil	124	142	266	150	
Kent			383	236	Same as above
Queen Ann		149		78	Same as above
Caroline	120	172	312	285	Of the number bound in this county since Emancipation act. not more than 45 are stated to have been apprenticed with the consent of parents or parents

Continued

County	Number bound prior to Emancipation Act.	Number bound since Emancipation Act.	Total bound before ^{and} after Emancipation Act	At present held	Remarks.
Salbot	44	267	311	211	The apprenticeship business in this County is rapidly decreasing, only Five (5) colored Children having been bound during 1865.
Dorchester	135	139	274	92	In many instances, Masters have made no effort to recover apprentices who run away. The number given as "at present held" is as near as could be obtained.
Somerset	60	823	883	160	In one District of this County where a large number were apprenticed in 1844, <u>not one</u> are now held by their Masters.
Worcester	240	515	755	411	

Continued.

County	Number bound prior to Emancipation Act	Number bound since Emancipation Act	Total bound before & after Emancipation Act	At present held	Remarks
Frederick	32	86	118	118	
Totals	1277	2519	4242	2281	
<p>2d. In. Aft. Commissioner Md. Del. Bureau Refugee, Freedmen &c. Baltimore Md. March 11 1867.</p>					
<p>(Signed) E. W. Gregory Bot. Maj. Genl. Capt. Commissioner</p> <p>I certify that this is a true copy of the official letters received from the Register of Mills of each of the Counties named.</p> <p>Edw. C. Currier 2d Lieut. 45, U. S. I. & A. A. Genl.</p>					

Ps. R. N. 4000

Philadelphia, Penn.
Office 308 Walnut St.
March 28 1867.

Kimber, Tho. Jr.
Post. Del. Apom.

Returns Requisitions for
Building Materials for
School House - Approved
Also instructions rela-
tive to the shipping of
timber &c.

One Enclosure.

Recd. at Post. Office, Del. March 29 1867

Elmira & Williamsport Rail Road Co.

Office 308 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia March 21st 1867

Major General Ingory

My dear Sir

I enclose herewith the requisitions for
Milford, Odessa, Middletown, Hazlet, Laurel, &
Hempden, with my approval in form. Hereafter
they will be duly certified and being sent —

I was much obliged to you for the telegram
to Wilmington & read it to the letter to the
Board on Saturday —

To Dover please consign the materials to
Joshua Parker, To Odessa to Daniel Corbitt

In the other points, names will be duly
furnished on Saturday —, as also the
information enquired for about bridges &c —

We are pressing on, & this coming month I
hope to organize our 7 schools on a sound
basis in Delaware —

Yours truly

Wm. H. Miller

Requisition for Materials for building
School houses in Delaware

2 bills	6 x 6 inches	36 ft long
2	6 x 6	24
2	3 x 6	36
2	3 x 6	24
2	4 x 6	36
10 posts	3 x 6	10
70 pieces	3 x 4	10
38 rafters	3 x 6	14
36 joists	3 x 8	12
14 feet framing		
1700 feet inch rough boards	{ add 10 per cent	
1000 feet inch board flooring		
14 window frames	as to fit	
60 bushels lime		
1500 plastering lath		
2000 bricks		
1 keg of S Nails		
900 feet warrens roofing	for	
2 Tena Cottapipe	7 inch diameter	
	look inside	

Requisitions herewith
approved
By order of Board
W. M. Miller & Co.
Delaware

Requisition for Materials for building School houses in Delaware

2 gills	6 x 6 inches	36 ft long
2	6 x 6	24
2	3 x 6	36
2	3 x 6	24
2 girders	4 x 6	36
10 posts	3 x 6	10
70 pieces	3 x 4	10
38 Rafters	3 x 6	14
36 joist	3 x 8	12
14 feet siding		
1000 feet inch rough boards {add 10 ft for mold		
1000 feet unheated flooring		
14 window frames sash to fit		
60 bushels lime		
1500 plastering lath		
2000 bricks		
1 keg of S Nails		
900 feet wanees Raftering ^{in Wilmington}		
2 Tena Cottapipe 7 inch diameter		
hook in side		

We want one of the attached list
of materials sent to each of the
following places as houses are wanted ^{there}
Middletown Odessa
Georgetown Laurel Camden
on the Del Rail Road
and Newark on the P.W. B
R R and Christiana near
Newark =

At the earnest request of Thomas
Kimber President of our association
I send these hoping the roads will
be in good order for shipping soon =

Your letter was read to the Board of Man-
agers on Saturday last - and afforded
us all much pleasure and encourage-
ment to persevere in the work =

Mr. Carey is down in Kent opening school today

Most respectfully & truly

Your Friend

Samuel Woolman

Baltimore Md.
Sept. 8 " 1867.

Kennedy Jan

Regrets that he cannot
furnish information rela-
tive to unfortunate colored
people.

Edw. C. Knorr

2^d Lieut 45th U.S.I and A.A.A. Genl.

Baltimore, April 8th 1867

Sir I received your Circular of the 27th ult. and have since been endeavoring to obtain the information you require, but without success.

I made application to Judge Emory of the County; he had no knowledge of the matter, neither could he aid me officially in my inquiries.

I regret exceedingly my inability to aid you in getting up the Statistics you are seeking after.

Very Respectfully

Edw. C. Knorr

N. S. Butler & Co. L. 11 East 1st St. N.Y.C.

Eastern Pmt.

June 15th 1868-

Kennedy Rev. Sir.

Encloses \$1500 amt. expended in
making out papers of Mary
Stewart in her claim.

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1868

Recd. Cash from N.Y. L. June 17th 1868

Easton Mch. June 15, 1868.
Brig. Genl. H. Brooks:

Dr. Sir: Agreeably to instructions of your note of 12th Inst., I enclose to you \$75.00 for Mary Stewart (wid.) for expenses incurred in the adjustment of her claim for services rendered by her deceased husband; of the nature of which claim, I believe you are fully advised.

Mary is still in my family; and the only interest I have in the matter, is that which arises from a desire to aid an humble but worthy person to secure that to which she is justly entitled.

May I not indulge the hope then that the matter will receive your early and earnest attention - As nearly two years have already transpired in apparently fruitless efforts to effect a settlement of her claim.

Yours very respectfully

W. Kenney

My address is still

Rev. Dr. Kenney
Easton

Mch.

War Department
Bureau Refugee Freedmen & A. L.
Washington D. C. June 19/68

Bt. Maj. Gen. E. M. Gregory
Genl.

The Commission directs that
your report to Genl. H. Brooks Asst. Commr, Ind & Del,
for inspection duty while you remain in the service.

Very Respectfully
Signed, E. Whittlesey
A. A. A. Genl.
True Copy
Edw. E. Knowen
Bt. Capt. & A. A. A. Genl.

CLERK'S OFFICE

Circuit Court for Baltimore County,

Towson town, 10th Oct 1866

Capt. E. H. Hanes
Baltimore Md

Sir.
Your letter enquiring inquiring
from our Official Worker
as to the number of
Murders committed upon
or by Freedmen, since the
adoption of our present
Constitution has been too,
I am happy to state that
there are none.

Your Obedt Servant
John Languecker
Clerk

L. 4. D. R. F. 4. 1. 5. Dec. 1866.

Marion Station
Somerset Co. Md.
Dec. 18, 1866.

Lankford, John
Colored

States that if certain papers
are wanted, he will return them,
states also that he has
not yet succeeded in getting
his boy.

Received of Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]

Recd. Capt. Conner. Md. Dec 19, 1866.

Marion Station Md

Sir I cannot set that
business right it seems that
our magistrates are not under
stand it if you want them
papers I will send them back
to you you will send me an
answer back what to do
I have not got my boy yet I want
to send me something about

Yours

John Lankford Cole
Marion Station
Somerset Co

Md

Dec 18

Q. 3821

Hagerstown, Md.
Feb'y. 21, 1867.

Logan, Wm.
Register of Wills

Furnishes the number of colored
apprentices bound out in
Washington Co.

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Recd. apt. Comm. Md. Feb'y. 21, 1867.

Register's Office
Hagerstown Md.
Febry. 21st 1867

Sicut E. C. Anower Esq.

Dear sir,

In reply to your
favor of the 18th inst. I will state
that I have examined the Indenture
Records of my Office. And find
there is still remaining as colored
apprentices in this County - five
Males and Two Females, all of
whom were bound prior to the
19th day of December A.D. 1865.
Since said date the Orphan's
Court have refused to bind persons
of Color.

Hoping the above will be satisfac-
tory to you.

Yours with much respects

Yours truly Wm. Logan, Reg.
(per. Heilman.)

Cambridge Ind.
Feb'y. 22. 1867.

LeCompte, E. G.
Register of Mills

Furnishes number of
Colored apprentices bound
out in Dorchester Co.

Del. Feb'y. 25. 1867.

Register's Office -
Cambridge Md.,
Feby. 22nd. 1867 -

Lieut. E. C. Krummer
Asst. Adj. Genl. &c -
Sir,

Yours of 18th. inst., requesting
the number of negro apprentices in this County &c.,
was duly received -

Answered you will find a statement giving
the desired information, with the sex and the number
found in each year -

The whole number legally apprenticed is, you
will observe, 274 - but I will suggest that a very
small part of them are in the service and custody
of their masters - certainly, not over one third - Some
of them are dead, some of the older ones entered the
army, some have left the state, and very many of
them have left their masters and either live with their
parents or hire out to suit themselves, and very few of
the masters will make any effort or go to any expense
to recruit the service of any such apprentice - Nearly one
half (111) of the whole number were bound in the year 1864,
just after the adoption of the new Constitution, now I know
that a very small percentage of them ever went to their
masters, or were claimed after such binding, as most of the
masters were well aware that there was but little
profit in attempting to hold them when they did not want to remain -

Respectfully &c +

E. W. LeCompton

List of negro apprentices
in Dorchester County, Maryland,
to date —

	Male.	Female.
1852	3	1
1853	5	
1854	6	
1855	10	2
1856	4	
1857	18	12
1858	26	3
1859	11	4
1860	14	4
1861	8	2
1862	1	
1863	1	
1864	73	38
1865	6	5
1866	15	2
1867	0	0

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Total

274

Feb. 22nd 1867—

L. G. D. R. F. L. S. 11 Dec. 1867.

Hagerstown Ind.
March 19th 1867.

Logan, Geo.
Register of Mills.

Furnishes additional information
in regard to the number
of colored children bound
out in Washington Co.
Ind.

Recd. Capt. Com. Ind. Ind. March 20th 1867.

Register's Office
March 19th 1867.
Lieut. C. C. Snow.

Dear Sir,

Upon receipt of
of your second letter, I again examined
the Indenture records of my Office,
in which I find the number of
"colored apprentices" bound since the
adoption of the Code to be Thirteen
(13) but upon further examination
I discover that six ^{of the} thirteen are
free, which leaves but Seven as
apprentices.

I have no record to show that the
seven remain with their Masters. nor
do I know of any mode to find out.

I am,

Yours respectfully
J. M. Logan

E. J. B. R. & A. L. Wad + Dec. 1867

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Delaware

May 13th 1867

Lewis Henry H.

Furnishing list of
Unfortunates,

Recd. Am. Can. Ind. & Dec. 1867

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Delaware

May 15th 1867

Henry H.

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fortunates,

May the 12 1867 Smyrna
Mr Edward C. Knower

Dear Sir if this relates
only to the persons who have
served in bondage as slaves
there are not many of them in this
Town of Smyrna and this is the
number of affected that you
see on the Statistical Table
But they have not all been
slaves freed by the Emancipation
proclamation.

Mathen waltum imbecile & co
John viney Rheumatic & others
Elizabeth Robinson imbecile
Emoline Spearmon worn out
Luauer wilmerston worn out
Elizabeth Camphire blind
Lydia panger paralytic & heart
Jane Croshaw worn out
Elizabeth Turner Deacon dahl

Em. L. & A. L. Hild & Sec. 10

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Benjamin Jefferson Crippled
in the hip unable to take care
of himself

Winey - Jefferson imbecile

Sam Smith for thirty years
afflicted with broken ulcers

John Duff imbecile

all of the above named
are with out any institution
into care for them

Some are members of
Church but you
understand how it is
in that particular.

The Masonic order is
gone down

Love and Charity is plaid out
hence they are cared for
in no institution

owe heartily thank your

Acts of Charitable Kindnes

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the inhabitants of Smyrna

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for the inhabitants of
Smyrna

yours in christ

Henry H Lewis

L. B. Hall, Jr. Dec. 1868

Minnington. See

Jan. 16th 1868

Lang Robert

Asks for information
as to the status of his
claim,

Answered

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Recd. Copy from Mr. L. B. Hall, Jr. Jan. 1868

Wilmington Del Fare

The 10th 1868

Major General E. M. Gregory

Dear Sir

I take this time and favorable
opportunity of addressing you. the
few line Mr. Captain E C Knowlton
has admitted me into his school.
But i have not Bin able
to Rais my Clothing yet Because
I have a widdowed mother to help
along And it keep me poor
of means. And no work for the
Laboring Class of men. And as i
am Credtable I inform ^{that} you are
maj. Gen. the Colored mens
Friend And i wish Sir You
To ^{please} send into ~~the~~ ^{me} about
my Bounty as soon as convenient
And Please Let me know as soon
As Possible For i stand in much need

And Likewise my Captain Knower
Are Thire Resped Friends Also
No more At present
O b J r. Your most
Obedient Servant
Wm Direct

Robert Lary
Counner of Sth. &
French Str

Wm. L. ...
Bureau of Land Management
Washington D.C.
Oct. 20th 1868

Dear Sir,
Agt. in charge of Claims.

Enclosed letter from 2nd Auditor
of the Treasury reporting
a discrepancy in the claim for
land of

James Lee Co. 7th 11th 1868

Notified Kearsy Oct. 22/68 -
Cont. notified Kearsy closed
Oct. 20/68 -

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1868

Recd. Office of the 3rd Lt. Balla Oct. 22/68

(C.B. 1967)

War Department,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
CLAIM DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 20th, 1868.

Spec. Capt E. E. Knower U.S.A.

Agent in charge of Claim Division Pa &c.
Baltimore, Md.

Captain:

I am directed to enclose herewith, letter
from the Second Auditor of the Treasury,
reporting adversely on the claim for bounty
of James L., late Pvt Co "F" 11. U.S. Infy
Claim forwarded by Brig Major F. Von
Schirach, formerly in charge of Claim
Division, Baltimore, Md.

Very respectfully, &c

William R. Drew.

Agent Pa &c Chief of Claim Division

James Lee

Dr. 11 Ha



(FORM No. 31.)

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

Sept. 23, 1868.

Sir:

The Claim for Bounty of James Lee Orr
Co. F, 11 Regt. U. S. C. ~~is~~ is disallowed, ~~and his~~
~~Certificate of Discharge herewith returned.~~ The Records of this
Office show that he was paid \$ 66.66 installment; all he
is entitled to. Men who enlisted under the Act of July 4, 1864,
(although mustered out by reason of their services being no longer
required,) are only entitled to the installments of Bounty that had
become due at the time of discharge.

The Act of July 28, 1866, does not apply to men enlisting
under Act of July 4, 1864.

Respectfully,

E. B. French,

Auditor.

Wm Fowler Esq.
Present.
J.B. 77.

Bu. R. F. + A. S.
Washⁿ D. C. Oct. 24/68

J. M. Brown
Br. Maj. + D. O.

Encloses check antq.
to \$50. for payment
to Wm Bowers & Son

Office General Accounting and Disbursing Officer,
QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, D. C.,

October 21. 1868

Capt H. Von Schirach
Sub Asst. Commr
Baltimore, Md.

Captain. I forward herewith Check #64
payable to Wm Powers & Son or Order, for
Fifty Dollars which please deliver to them

Very Respectfully

Lois Ott. Dot

R. M. Mun
Port Major & D.C.

2. B. & C. Inst. & Co.

Berlin

Horsealis Co Md,

Feb. 13th 1868

Lane Mrs. Caroline

States that the three children of Mary Porter were bound to her in 1859 under the vagrant act, and that the mother (Mary Porter) is unable to provide for them now, but will give them up if so ordered.

Witness my hand and seal this
13th day of Feb. 1868.

Caroline M. Porter

Recd. Court Inst. & Co. Feb. 18th 1868

Berlin February 13th 1868
To Edward C. Knorr Esqr.

Sir, I Recd, your communication
(Dated Feb 8th) stating that I ^{am} unlawfully
Retaining three (3) Children Belonging to
a Colored Woman named Mary Porter.
In Reply I would say I am not. I Had
the above 3 children Brought to me in
May 1859 under the Vagrant Law - She
the said Mary - applied to me to take
her Children and have them bound to me
for fear others would, as they had threatened
they would take them and have them bound
to them - under pity to her as she was in
the family I took them. I know the
matter has been represented to you wrong
and if you know all the Particulars in
the case your Body would not take
any action in the case. The Children
were young, ^{and free born} When I took them 5 - 7 & 9 years
old - and they have been Great Expenses
to me and no Profit - and would freely
give them up - if I did not know they
were Great Deal Better off than if the
Mary was to have ^{them} - for she cant support
herself - and is very Destitute. For other
information you can Enquire of the
Orphan Court of Worcester County
and ~~for~~ further information if you
are not satisfied with my statement
I will freely give you proof. Let
me hear from at your earliest convenience
and oblige yours &c Caroline Lane

Head quarters assistant Commissioners
 Bureau of Refugee Freedom and
 Abandoned Lands District of Maryland
 & Delaware No 12 Calvert St
 Baltimore

We the undersigned being fully acquainted
 with all the circumstances Reported in
 the Forgoing letter will certify to be strictly
 true and for reference to our standing
 as we ^{are} strangers to you we Refer you
 Thomas Dimmons Esq No 19 South St
 Baltimore

S. J. Powell
 Geo A Parker

Ex 23, Calvert St. Baltimore
 Geo A Parker
 Feb 13 1868
 Lane Mrs Caroline
 states that she has choi-
 sen of many ladies now
 living to her in 1859 as she
 the a great act and that
 she worked many ladies who
 unable to provide for them
 them, but will give them up
 if so ordered.
 Feb 11 1868
 Lane Mrs Caroline
 Feb 11 1868

Enclosed Refugee to the ...

Washington D.C.

Oct. 23rd 1868

Dear Sir,

Capt. in charge of Claim ...

Enclosed discharge of ...
Lane, late Pvt. Co. H. 39th
whose claim for bounty is
allowed, and the ...
in the hands of Chief S. O.
getters' Bn. for remittance to
Govt.

Receipt of the ...

Entd in Claim Book - D. C. ...
Receipt acknowledged -

Rec'd Jan'y 12, 69
Disch'd retained for
Slave Bounty

Recd. Office ... Oct. 24 1868

War Department,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
CLAIM DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., Oct 23rd, 1868.

St. Capt. E. C. Knower, U.S.A.
Agent Su. R. F. & A. L.
Baltimore, Md

Captain:

I am directed to enclose herewith the discharge of Jarvis Lane, late Priv. Co. "H" 34th U.S.C.T. whose claim for bounty is allowed, and the amount (\$100.-) in the hands of the Chief Distg Officer of this Bureau, for remittance to claimant. The records of this office show the P.O. address of claimant to be, Queenstown, Queen Ann, Co., Md.

(over)

Please acknowledge receipt of discharge,
giving number of this letter.

Very respectfully,
William B. Brew.

Agent In R.F. & A.L.
Chief of Claim Division

(C.D. 1999.)

Langford N. J. 11th 11th 1868

Princeps Ann
Somerset Co. Va.
June 4th 1868

Langford N. J.

States that Joseph H. Hyland
was bound to him by - his mother
Margaret having run away
from him on act. of ill treat-
ment of his father Henry -
Intending to give Joseph up to
any person authorized to take him
and will have the Indenture
Cancelled on Tuesday 9th June.

June 8th 68. - wrote to Harrison
enclosing order on Langford
to deliver Child to its
Mother, & report result

Case closed sel. letter of July 8th 68
from ^{Mother} Mary Hyland
June 16th 1868

Fi. 191
of
Harrison & Langford
June 11th 1868

Dr. J. H. H. & Co. 1111 N. 1st St.

John esp. Anna

Samuel J. May
June 4th 1868

Samuel R. D.

John West & Joseph W. Stephens
was bound to him by - two months

Pharyngitis - forcing food away

from bond on Oct. 9th 1862

more of his father's

directing to your personal copy the

any person or thing. A lot & then

and will have the pleasure

Can cells be mounting 9th June.

Don. G. G. - m. 2. e. H. m. m.

Enclosing order on Eastern

1/2 gallon Chilli & 1/4

Medicine, & report Board

Can. placed. sel. 315
brown in throat - many of the
the. Can. (green and red) same 28728

June 19th

June 19th
Wrote to Hanson & Hardy, (color) Hanson & Hardy
Bruce Ann.

To direct the committee to go for his long report. Result

July 1st send letter by R. H. White to Margaret Heyland with
order to Mr. Linsford for her copy.

Pineapp. Am. June 4th 1868
To Edward C. Kiewer, Esq.

Sir, Yours of 28th in relation to
the negro boy "Joseph Henry Byland"
was duly recd. The boy was ill
treated by his father & came to me as
a runaway from such ill treatment.
His mother begged him to me, but
I don't want him & lay no claims
to him. He was in a suffering con-
dition & I took him, but as a
matter of money, the Department
is doing me a favor, and any body
is welcome to have him, who will
come properly authorized to take
him. Our Disposal Court meets
on Monday next & I shall then,
for my own security have the
indultures canceled - Resply
N. J. Langford

Malltown, Jefferson Co., W. Va.
January 16th 1865

Lucas Wynn
(By S. W. Cox Atty)

Application for restoration of
Small House, situated in Bohrer
Jefferson Co. W. Va.

States, this property was never abandoned
and that he does not come under any
of the exceptions of the Proclamation of
May 29th 1865.

(4 Enclosures)

L. 59, R. F. & A. S. Va., 1866.



L.R. 5-8. - E.B. 384

War Department

Bu. R. F. and A. S.

Washington Feb. 13th 1866

Respectfully referred to Col. O.
Brown Asst. Comr. Richmond
Va.

By order of

Maj. Genl Howard
Commissioner
John F. Smith
Asst. Adjt. Genl
E. B. 334



Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & I. Funds,
Head Qrs. Asst. Comr., State of Va.,
RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 15th 1866.

Respectfully referred to Capt.
H. S. How. Inpt 6 Dist
Va.

St. H. Wicks
By Order of Col. ~~Howard~~ Asst. Commissioner.

James A. Bates
A. A. A. G.

B. R. F. & A. S.
Respectfully referred to
Col. A. Brown, Asst. Comr.
at Richmond with reference
to accompanying report and
letter N. S. How. Inpt
B. R. F. & A. S.

Recd St. Dist Dist. Feb 17 1866

Halltown, Jefferson Co. W. Va.

Jan'y. 16th 1866.

Majr. Genl O. C. Howard,

Commissioner &c,

General;

I respectfully apply for my small house situated in Bolivar, Jefferson Co. W. Va., bought by me from Joseph A. Curry, and occupied by my tenant up to the time of the possession of the Government.

This property was never "abandoned," nor was any of my property in the County, where I remained at home upon my farm during the War.

Residing as I do four miles from the village in which it was situated, my age and the condition of the country rendered it impossible for me to overlook it, and hence in the temporary absence of my tenant it was taken for public use.

I do not come under any of the exceptions of the Amnesty proclamation of May 29th 1865.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm Lucas

Majr. Genl Howard

Commissioner &c, &c.

Bureau R H & A L
Head Qu. Aust Cont Va
Richmond Va
March 29 1866

Respectfully returned to
Pvt. Maj W. S. Row A. G. M.
& Capt. inviting attention
to the fact, that if Mr Lucas
is worth over \$20,000 he
must furnish proof of
pardon and other necessary
papers.

By order of Col. V. Brown
Aust Cont
James H. Bates
Capt & A. A. S. G.
1. 356.

B. R. 7. 1. 1. 1.
Richmond
Richmond Apr 27 1866

Respectfully returned to
Mr J. A. McLean Aust Cont
at Harper's Ferry. The papers
when completed will be returned
to this office.

Wm. H. H. H.
Wm. H. H. H.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Harpers Ferry Va. Mar 23^d 1866
Prot: Major W. Stoner How
A2 M Superintendent &c
Major

I respectfully return
these papers with the following statement,
I have been unable to see Mr Wm Lucas as
he resides some distance in the country, I
have seen his atty, Mr Cox who says that
he is worth over twenty thousand dollars
but that he does not consider that Mr
Lucas comes under the amnesty proclama-
tion, because he did not leave his home during
the entire war, and that he took the
oath of Allegiance to the U.S. government
at the first opportunity he had,
I gave him a copy of the oath required
which he will send to Mr Lucas. He thinks
can take it; and that he can furnish the
affidavits required, it will take him four
or five days to get them here, I will send

them just as soon as received, or if he does
not take the oath &c I will inform you
of that fact as soon as I learn it.
I am informed by Mr McAdams that Mr
Lucas told Mr C. A. Lewis who lives in the
house, that if he did not get out of it
he would throw him out, or language
to that effect.

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt-
J. H. McKenzie
Asst. Supt. &c

L. 59. R. F. + A. L. Va. 1866. Va

My dear Mr. F. I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this finds you the same. I have been thinking much of late of the state of the country and of the prospects of the future. I feel that we are in a very critical position and that the only way to preserve our liberties and our property is by a firm and united stand. I hope that you will be able to do something towards this end. I am, dear Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
A. L. Va.

I William A Bantz Post Master at Halltown. Jefferson County. West Virginia, an Officer of the Government of the United States, do hereby Certify that William Lucas the Claimant Stated, has taken the Oath of Allegiance to the Government of the United States, pursuant to the proclamation of the President of the 8th of December 1863. and the time his claim originated was loyal to the United States, and has been ever since; and I further Certify that John Beck. D H Beck. J. S. Wendle, Henry Moler. Mr. Paine & Jas Paine the witnesses to said claimant's declaration are known to me to be credible persons and loyal to the Government of the United States

W A Bantz
Halltown W Va

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Wapus Ferry

N. B. T.

January 31st 1866

Major Genl H. Howard

Commissioner

Sir

Enclosed

please find application of
Mr. William Lucas Esq.
for restoration of some small
have ~~premises~~ described in the
Deed Herewith attached
Please allow ^{me} in explana-
tion of course pursued to
state that Mr. William
Lucas cannot take
the exact form of oath
required as he is posse-
ssed of over the Prescribed
Amount of property
But it is a notorious
fact that Mr. Lucas

never left his farm
During the pendency
of the war you will also
have the kindness to perceive
that strictly this property
was never abandoned
But was seized in the
temporary absence of the
tenant - The fact that
Mr Lucas the owner
did not leave his
premises at any period
of the war contradicts
the idea of abandon-
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Your most Obedt Servt

J. F. Herr
Attorney for
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I remain Sir
Your most obedt Servt

J. F. Hart
Attorney for
W. L.

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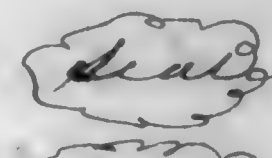
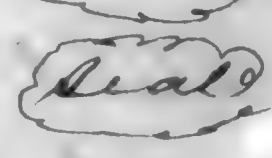
Joseph A Curry
Do } Wife
Do } Deed of B. Sale

William Lucas

This Indenture made this 23rd day of September 1861. between Joseph A Curry & Lear Ann his wife of Jefferson County & State of Virginia of the one part, and William Lucas of the aforesaid County & State of the other part Witnesseth; That the aforesaid Joseph A Curry & Lear Ann his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars current money of the United States, unto them in hand paid by the said William Lucas at or before the sealing & delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released & confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell alien, enfeoff and confirm unto the said William Lucas his heirs and assigns, a certain house and Lot of ground in the town of Bolivar in Jefferson County & State of Virginia, and being a Lot of ground conveyed to Joseph A Curry by Thomas Jenkins by Deed of partition which Deed is recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Jefferson, Deed Book No 28 Page 219 & Reference to said deed will more fully specify, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a Stake on the S. E. side of the road leading from Chalestown to Harpersferry a corner to John Croffs lot thence with the same S. $3\frac{1}{2}$ E. 16.7 poles to a Stake in the Mattox line with it N. $55\frac{1}{2}$ E. 3 poles to a Stake in Luskys Jenkins line thence with the same & John Niswamers N. $31\frac{1}{2}$ W 16.7 poles to the aforesaid road thence with the same 3 poles to the Beginning, containing fifty square perches together with all and singular the rights, improvements hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever therunto belonging and the reversion & remainders rents issues and profits thereof; To have and to hold all and singular the premises with ^{the} appurtenances hereby granted unto the said William Lucas his heirs & assigns

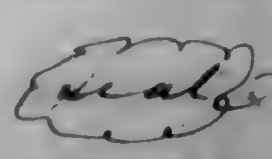
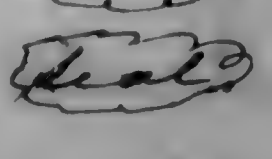
To the only proper use and behoof of the said William Lucas his heirs and assigns, forever. And the said Joseph A Curry, and Lear Ann his wife, covenant for themselves, and their heirs ^{that} are seized of good and indefeasible Estate of fee simple in the premises and that they have good right to convey the same to William Lucas in manner aforesaid; and lastly that the said Joseph A Curry and Lear Ann his wife and their heirs, all & singular the premises hereby granted with their appurtenances, unto the said William Lucas his heirs and assigns against the said Joseph A Curry and Lear Ann his wife and their heirs, and all and every other person shall warrant and forever defend by these presents.

In testimony whereof the said Joseph A Curry & Lear Ann his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Joseph A Curry 
Lear A Curry 

Jefferson County, Va wit

We E H Chambers and Wm M^c Coy Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby Certify that Joseph A Curry a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 23rd day of September 1861 & hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to Certify said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Jefferson County in order that said Deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 3rd day of October 1861.

E H Chambers 
Wm M^c Coy 

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We E H Chambers and Wm M^c Coy Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby Certify That Lear Ann Curry, wife of Joseph A Curry parties to a certain deed bearing date of 23rd September 1861, and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her said husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Lear Ann Curry acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 3rd day of October 1861.

E H Chambers Seal

Wm M^c Coy Seal

State of Virginia

Jefferson County } Let. Clerks office of the County Court

On the 29th day of November 1861, the foregoing deed was received in the said Office Certified for record according to Law & admitted to record. Cert

J A Moore Clerk

State of West Virginia

Jefferson County } Let. In the recorder's office
George Byers Recorder of the Recordss Court in the County aforesaid. Do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of a deed of Bargain & sale from Joseph A Curry and Lear Ann his wife to William Lucas, as recorded in Deed Book No 39, Page 544 of the records of said County. Given under my hand and the seal of the Recorder's Court this 26th day of January 1866.

George Byers Recorder

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Waples Ferry
January 9th 1866

To
Mr William Lucas

I hereby certify
that no articles of confiscation have
been taken out against the Estate of
William Lucas or any part thereof
Up to this date In testimony whereof I
have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the
District Court this 10th day of January 1866.
V. A. Chaplin

Clerk of Court
Jefferson County,
N. Y.



The within named property
was ordered to be surrende-
red to Mr. Lucas. See Letter
Book Page 32.

file

Harper's Ferry, Md.
July 31st 1866.

Lucas, William

acknowledges the
restoration of property -

To be filed with the papers
in the case.

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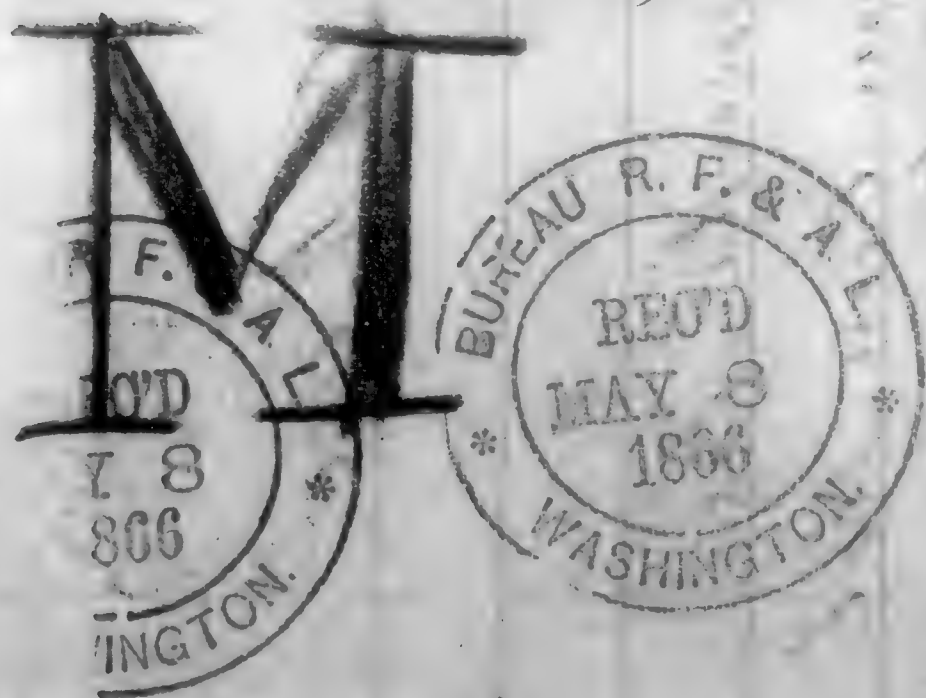
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Great Cacapon, W. Va. May 7th 1866.

Modlin, J. F.

States that he is unable
to earn a livelihood, on
account of a wound re-
ceived in the rebel service,
& desires aid from Govt.
Encloses Pro. Marshal's Certificate.

(1 Enclosure.)



War Department
Bureau of Refugees of
Washington, D. C. May 10. 1866.

Respectfully referred to Maj.
Gen. G. S. Hammond Sup.
Freedmen's Affairs for his
action.

By Order of
Major Gen. O. O. Howard
A. P. Ketchum
Act. Asst. Adj. Gen.

(1 Enclosure)
Rec May 14/66 - A.C. (M₂) 1

Great Cacapon Morgan Co. W. Va

May 7th 1866

Genl Howard

Sir I make the
inquiry of you to know if you can not
~~fix~~ some chance for me to get
support for I have a wounded arm
that I got while in the Rebel service
and it has got so bad that I am unable
to Earn sufficient to cloth me and feed
me in closed I send you my certificate
that I got from the Probost Marshall
if I get my arm Examined by a
Doctor Cant I draw ~~salaries~~
Rashions from the Government
and if I can not get Resions from
the Gov or money to buy them with
Cant I get transportation to my
home in South Carolina

for I have spent all the money
that I had and is unable to earn
any more and without some assistance
I will have to suffer I Was a
Rebel at one time but am a good
union man now and I hope that
you will do something for me
please write to me soon and let me
know what you can do for me and
please Return the Certificate to
me.

yours Very Respectfully

John. S. Modlin

Great Cacapon Morgan Co
W. Va

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Head Quarters Department of Washington,

Office of Provost Marshal General, Defences North of Potomac.

Washington, D. C. March 24 1865

This is to Certify, That *J. T. Moslin* in the
having deserted and come within
our lines, and having this day been examined by me, and it appearing
that his intentions are honest, in forever deserting the rebel cause, and having
taken the Amnesty Oath under the President's Proclamation of
December 8, 1863, is, by terms of the annexed order exempt from con-
scription, or military service in the armies of the United States serving
against the Rebels, and has permission to go to *Harpers Ferry*
Pa

G. W. Russee
Capt and Asst P.M.G.

Head Quarters Armies of the United States,

In the Field, Virginia, November 18, 1864.

SPECIAL ORDERS, }
No. 126.

[EXTRACTS.]

The following orders are re-published for the information of all concerned:
Hereafter deserters from the Confederate Army, who deliver themselves up to the United States Forces, will, on taking
an oath that they will not again take up arms during the present rebellion, be furnished subsistence and free transportation to
their homes, if the same are within the lines of the Federal occupation.
If their homes are not within such lines, they will be furnished subsistence and free transportation to any point in the
Northern States.
All deserters who take the oath of allegiance, will, if they desire it, be given employment in the Quartermaster's and other
Departments of the Army, and the same remuneration paid them as is given to civilian employes for similar services.
Forced military duty, or service endangering them to capture by the Confederate Forces, will not be exacted from such as
give themselves up to the United States military authorities.
Deserters who bring horses or mules into our lines with them, will, on delivering the same to the Quartermaster's Department,
receive in money the highest prices such horses and mules are worth.

OFFICIAL:

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL GRANT:

T. S. BOWERS, Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Adjutant General.

March 29 1865
Wm. H. D. hence to
Section

7^o 57 South Orange Street
Baltimore Md. Aug 12/66

Meers Basil

Requests information
relative to his brother Isaac
Meiers formerly belonging to Co
E 3^d Mass Cavalry, as to when
and where he died & requests his
papers made out & sent to him.
M. S. B. R. F. Dec 5th 1866

Mr Isaac Maynard
5th Mass Cavalry
Company E Captain Weete

Recd of Mr. Maynard Aug 27, 1866

P. L. O. M. No. 38.
Recd B. R. F. & A. L.
C. W. Aug 16th 1866

Baltimore Aug 12th 1866

Sir My Brother enlisted
on the last of June 1864
in Washington D. C. in the 5th
Mass Cavalry Company
under Captain Weete.

his name is L. Isaac Myerson
and if he dead please to send me
word where he died at and when
he died

and please to make out his
papers and send them to me
and direct it to No 54 Sarah
Ann St. Baltimore Md
To Basil Myerson

and when I can get his money

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for Captain Weete

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War Department
Comr. R. F. & A. Lando.
Claims Division.

Washington, August 27th 1866.

ISAAC MYERS E. 5th

Respectfully referred to Maj.
Genl. Francis Fessenden, Asst
Comr. R. F. & A. L. Lando. Dtd.
Enclosing the data necessary
to make up the claim on ac-
count of the within named de-
ceased soldier. Writer certified
of reference.

By order of
Maj. Genl. Howard
Wm. J. Fowler,
A. A. C. G.

Platt.

Clerks Office Circuit
Court for Carroll Co. Md.
Testimony Oct. 10, 1865.

W. Lillip, Junr. a.
Clerk.

Reports that no murders
have been committed by or on
freedmen in his country.

Recd. of the Com. 1844. Dec. 22 / 66.

File

Clarks office
Circuit Court for Carroll Co
Westminster Oct 10th 1866

Dear Sir

Your favor asking information
relative to the Freedmen reached me to day
I am pley permit me to say, that there
was only about 800 Slaves liberated by
the new Constitution in this County, and
that we were only nominally a Slave
holding County.

There have been no Murders committed
by or on the Freedmen in this County.

The Colored people generally have conduc-
ted themselves well, and seem as a class to
be more industrious and frugal than
formerly. Indeed I think I am safe in
saying, that the Union sentiment in
this County would not tolerate any injustice
towards them.

I am the Honor to be

Respectfully Yours

J. M. McKelip

E. C. Knower Capt &c

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In. 12. Du. R. F. & A. L. - Dec. 1. 1866

Office of Capt. Dept.
Proc. R. F. and A. L.
Charlotte, N.C. Dec. 22/86

Murphy, P. E.
Lieut. and Capt. Dept.

Acknowledges receipt of communication of 15th Inst. and states that he has made inquiry but as yet cannot find the colored woman, Rosa Williams referred to.

Recd. Capt. Comm. Ind. Dec. 26, 1866.

Office of the asst Supt
Bureau R F C &
Charlotte N.C.
Dec 22nd / 86

Captain Edward C. Krouen R.C.
A. A. General
Baltimore Md.

Captain

Your Communicat

Dated the 15th of Dec was received in regard
to finding a colored woman named Rosa Williams

I have the honor to state that I have
made inquiries for the last four days of the
colored people about here and cannot
find a woman by that name, however I
shall still make such inquiries as may
lead to her whereabouts and will let you
know the result. If she is found the
letter will be delivered to her

Very Respectfully

Your ~~old~~ Servant

W. C. Murphy

Genl W. C. & asst Supt

Ex. 13 B. R. F. V. C. S. - Md. 1866

Baltimore Md;
Dec. 29, 1866.

M^cFarland, C. D.
Atty. at Law.

Replied to note in
reference to the case
of Moore Banks (Crd.)
and states that the case
has been postponed
until next Saturday

Recd. upst Court Md. Dec. 31, 1866

Baltimore Dec. 29th 1866
Brk Maj Genl Gregory
Dear Sir

Your
communication of this date
was received in regard to
the case of Moses Banks.
In reply I would say
that a writ of Habeas
corpus was issued out of
the Criminal Court of
Baltimore, commanding
Sarah Steele to bring into
court the bodies of Linda
& Raymond Banks.
The writ was made
returnable on 2nd of Oct 66,
The children were not
produced but an answer
filed to the petition &
then filed a replication.

Mrs Steel then appeared the result
by her attorney A. Sturtevant before the
Jury and owing to Thanksgiving
his numerous other your kind
engagements and also especially
the trial of other cases terms of
in the court the case note
of Banks has been
continued from time
to time. I have frequently
called the court's
attention to the case
but the above were
the chief causes of delay.
It was set down for
hearing on today when
a partial hearing was
had and postponed
until next Saturday.
I have delayed answering
your communication
until this time in order
to enable me to give you

I am
C.D.

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in order
to give you

the result of the case
before the court today.
Thanking you for
your kindness and
especially the kind
terms of your
note

I am yours &c
C. D. Wheland

Frederick

Frederick Co. Md.

Feby. 28 1867.

McLean, J. L.

Register of Wills

Requests fuller instructions
relative to the list of col-
ored apprentices wanted.

M. H. B. H. & A. L. Md. & Del. 1867.

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Received of the Court of Wills, Feby. 28 1867.

Office Register of Wills,
FREDERICK CO., MD.

Frederick, *July 25* 186*7*

Asst. Commr. Bureau of N. F. & A. L.
Dist. Maryland & Delaware

Do it your wish to have a full
List of all col. Apprentices bound
by this Court, since the adoption
of the Code, or only those bound
since the Emancipation Act.

Very Respectfully
J. L. Hewitt
Clerk.

Miss Mary Ann - Mrs. -

Hol. Am. Apt. Comm. Ind. & Ed.
Bureau Refugee, Freedmen &
Baltimore Ind. March 5/67

McCougall, Char.
1st Lieut. & Supt. Schools.

Make Report relative to
the position sustained
by the Bureau to
the Balto. Apn.

Box 344

Recd. at Comm. Ind. & Ed. March 7/67.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE,

HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Baltimore, Md. March 5, 1867.

Capt. E. C. Knower,

U. S. A. G. - Dist. R. F. & A. L.

Baltimore Md.

Capt.

In view of a communication just received from Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard, Commr. Bureau R. F. & A. L. and addressed to Dot. Maj. Genl. E. M. Gregory, Aft. Commr. Dist. of Maryland & Delaware, upon the relation, we, as the representatives of the Govt. and Officers in the Bureau, are to sustain in the future, to the Baltimore Assoc. upon the subject of education for the colored people of this Dist., I beg leave to submit the following statement of facts.

I have been connected with the Bureau almost from its establishment in this State, having reported for duty in May last to Maj. Genl. Stannard, and was assigned to duty as Supt. of Public Instruction, by the particular request of Dot. Brig. Genl. Sewell, of Genl. Howard's Staff, I have therefore had the fullest opportunity of knowing every thing that has transpired touching this subject between the Bureau and the above named Association. I will here state, that from the first, up to the present time, there has been every effort made on the part of the Aft. Commr.

of the Bureau to aid the Ason. in carrying on their work, by inspections, by protecting their teachers, erecting school-houses, paying the transportation of teachers, and renting and repairing school-houses. In fact I challenge a single instance to be cited, in which this Ason. has asked of the Bureau anything within the limits of our orders, that has not been readily and cheerfully done. Especially has this been done by the present Asst. Commr. so anxious has he been to encourage the work of education and to push it on to its fullest state of completeness, that he has given his orders their largest interpretation, so as to leave nothing undone by which the Ason. could be made more successful in the accomplishment of its, and our work, - for indeed we have considered the work to be a mutual one, and have been ready to join hands and hearts, with any and all parties who are willing to labor in this cause. If there has ever been a Catholic spirit exhibited by any class of men, a spirit free from all selfishness, and above any petty jealousy preeminently has this been true of the Bureau in this work.

Up to the first of January last, every thing moved along harmoniously; on the 8th of that month we opened a school on Montgomery St., under charge of Miss Mary E. Duaille, who had been sent to us by the American Miss. Ason. This school had been organized with the full knowledge of the Delto. Ason. and for aught we know with their candid consent. The first that we knew of the

Contrary was the occasion of a meeting of their Exec. Com. held about the 14th of Jan., which Genl. Gregory and myself attended for the purpose of obtaining an Asst. teacher for the above school, when to our utter astonishment, we learned that previous to our coming in to the meeting, they had passed a resolution strongly remonstrating against the action of Genl. Gregory, in the establishing of the above school, which resolution they had instructed their Secretary, to forward to Genl. Howard, without even informing Genl. Gregory that they were dissatisfied with his action.

After mutual explanations, the Com. resolved to recede from their former action and appointed a Special Com. to confer with Genl. Gregory and his Supt. of Schools - to agree upon some plan of mutual co-operation; they also passed a resolution that the request of Genl. Gregory for an assistant teacher be granted.

A few days subsequently, this Com. and Genl. Gregory met and the subjoined preamble and resolutions dictated almost verbatim by the Com. appointed by the Assem., was agreed upon as mutually satisfactory.

Whereas, the education of the colored people is the paramount object of all the friends of the colored race in the State of Maryland and elsewhere, and whereas there are several parties already actively engaged in the cause within the City of Baltimore and in

the Counties of the State, and whereas it is desirable that there should be uniformity of effort and harmony of feeling on the part of all, and whereas the Freedmen's Bureau is the only recognized representative of the Government within the State, and are required by orders to cooperate with all Associations upon the subject of Education - therefore

Resolved 1. That the Bureau shall be recognized as a central power through which all shall be reported.

" 2. That in the establishment of schools and the employment of teachers, the Bureau will work with and through the Baltimore Association as far as possible.

" 3. That for educational purposes, the Asst. Comm. of the Freedmen's Bureau, and his Supt. of Schools, shall be made ex officio members of the Baltimore Association.

Here the matter rested until last Thursday when another Com. waited upon the General and submitted the following as the terms of compromise, entirely ignoring the action of the former Committee. (See Exhibit "A.")

I beg leave here to state that after the conference with the first Com. and in anticipation of their action being adopted by the Asso. and being anxious to remove every cause of difficulty out of the way of harmonious cooperation, we had prepared to turn over to the Asso. the school on Montgomery St

with instructions to the teacher to report to them the same as the other schools in the City.

I therefore respectfully submit that if there has been any want of harmony of action - whether the Bureau is responsible for it.

By instructions from Genl. Howard dated Nov: 26 1866, Genl. Gregory is required to "instruct his Supt. to increase the number and energize the schools under his supervision", and now by the instructions referred to at the commencement of this communication, the Capt. O'Brien is required to "turn over to the Asst. all schools in the City of Balto., only inspecting, and reporting them - suggesting any thing that will assist their interest and efficiency."

Personally I have not the least objection to act in any capacity that shall be assigned to me and as long as I remain in the service, I shall faithfully and cheerfully execute all orders from my superior officers; nevertheless as an officer who has endeavored to do his duty in the field and elsewhere, and as an earnest friend of the elevation of those who have been made free by the war, and for whose especial benefit the Bureau has been established, I do most earnestly protest against any subordination of the Bureau to any Association of men whatever or to any individuals except those who have been put in charge

of its affairs - believing as I do that the moment this is done,
it is shorn of its power to command the respect of all parties,
and is so far crippled as a means of good, as to become
comparatively a dead letter. Let it remain however
an independent power ready to work with, as well as
protect all other Associations who are engaged in the
same work and it at once becomes an engine of power
that will make itself felt in this State, to protect the persons
and property of Freedmen, as well as the teachers and school
houses of the Association.

Very Respectfully

Your Ob. Servt.

Wm. C. Drigall

1. Genl. Secy. & Supt. Schools.

M. H. B. R. F. & A. L. Ind. 1867.

Elkton Ind.

April 17 1867.

M^r Intine, Jas.

Requests the Bureau
to select & send him a
good colored woman
suitable for a house
servant.

Refused to April 27/67

Recd. Sept. 1867. Ind. & Dec. 1867. Apl. 26 1867.

Elkton Apr 17th/67

May Genl E. M. Gregory }
Balt Md }

Sir..

I see by the papers
that the Bureau is seeking
homes for the Freedmen
and as you have charge
of this department
and are doing any thing
in that line I would
like to have a good
reliable Woman for a
house servant one of
middle age old enough
to be steady and trustworthy
if you know of any such
please write me stating terms
and when she could be had

we do pretty well for
men but women are off
the weight band ~~and~~
very scarce. I live in
New Castle or Del near
the line but Elkhon is
my Post Office address

Respectfully Yrs

J. McIntire

M. D. Bush, F. & A. L. - Md. & Del. / 67

Alleghany Co
Cumberland Ind
April 26 "1867/

McCullay, W. R.
Clerk & Co. Commissioners

cannot furnish in-
formation in regard to
Colored Unfortunates in
Alleghany Co. Ind.

Recd. apt. Comm. Ind. & Del. apt. 27 / 67.

(Commissioners Office)
Cumberland, April 26, 1875

E. C. Knowles, Esq.
Sir,

Having, within the past few days, been acting in the capacity of Clerk to Commissioners of Allegany County, I find your communication asking certain information, which, I presume is unanswered.

I am instructed by the Commissioners to say, that there is no data in this Office, to show the number of Blind, Deaf & Dumb, Inebriate or Idiotic, Insane or Club-footed colored people in this County.

Respectfully,
W. M. Lacey, Clerk.

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Salisbury Ind.

July 1st 1867

Mr. Sandy

C. R. G. W. S. C. M. S.

Request that his Discharge
be returned to him and
enclosed receipt for same.

Discharge
returned

Recd. 100 9.12.6 100 9.12.6 100 9.12.6

Salem, Mass. July 1867.
Lt. Col. Wm. H. Wages
Asst. Surg. Genl. U.S.A.

Please send me my dis-
charge from C. K. 9th Regt. U. S. C. I
the receipt for which I herewith en-
close. By so doing you will greatly
oblige

Respectfully
Wm. H. Wages

Wm. H. Wages
Sandy Moore

James B. ...

Baltimore Md,

Wm. ...

Montith E. H.
Chas. H. D.C.

States that he has been appointed, and has accepted the position of Dirty. Officer and requests a revocation of his appointment as Clerk.

Bureau of Refugees, &c. &c.
Ho. Gen. ...
Baltimore, March 20th 68

Respectfully approved and forwarded to Ho. Gen. Bull & Co. Washington D.C. for information.

REC'D
MAR 21
1868
WASHINGTON
Capt. ...
Bt. Brig. Gen. ...
... 19th ...

War Department
Bureau of Refugees, &c. &c.
Washington, March 21/68

Respectfully returned to Gen. H. Brooks, Asst. Com. of Maryland, with letter of revocation enclosed as requested.

By order of
Maj. Gen. O. Howard
E. H. ...
a. a. a. e. f.

Esq. V. H. G. - ...

March 23rd 68 - In a copy of revocation furnished Montith

HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Baltimore, March 19th 1868

Captain:

Having this day received and accepted an Appointment made by the Commissioner, dated March 12th 1868, creating me a Special Agent and Districting Officer Bureau of R. F. and A. L., I have the honor to request that my appointment as a Clerk in the Bureau of R. F. and A. L. be revoked, to take effect on the 22nd instant.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant,

E. N. Montith

Act. Capt. Edward L. Kumer,

U. S. A.

A. A. Aguil.

War Department
Bureau, Refugees, Freedmen & A. C.
Washington March 12th 1868

Mr. Edwin H. Ingham is hereby appointed a Disbursing Officer in the Bureau, Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, at a salary of Two hundred dollars per month.

This appointment is made in accordance with instructions from the Secretary of War, under the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of Congress, passed July 16, 1866, entitled, "An act to continue in force, and amend an Act to establish a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees, and for other purposes." It will take effect March 22/68 - and remain in force until revoked by competent authority.

Before entering upon his duties the oath of office prescribed by Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, will be taken and filed in the office of the Asst. Commissioner of Maryland and he will give bonds in the sum of six thousand dollars, with good and sufficient securities, to the Treasurer of the United States for the faithful discharge of his duties.

1 Signed, O. O. Howard
Maj. Gen. Commr.

True Copy
Edw. C. Kuqer
Asst. Commr. A. C. C.

Oath of Office of

E. H. Montuith

Distg. Officer

Filed March 21st 1868

I, Edwin N. Monteith, do solemnly swear
that I have never voluntarily borne arms against
the United States since I have been a citizen thereof;
that, I ^{have} voluntarily given no aid, countenance, coun-
sel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed
hostility thereto; that, I have neither sought, nor ac-
cepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of
any office whatever, under any authority, or pre-
tended authority, in hostility to the United States;
that I have not yielded a voluntary support to
any pretended government, authority, power or
constitution, within the United States, hostile or
injurious thereto; And I do further swear that,
to the best of my knowledge and ability, I
will support and defend the Constitution of the
United States against all enemies, foreign and
domestic; that I will bear true faith and
allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation
freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of
evasion; and that I will well and faithfully
discharge the duties of the office of Disturbing Officer

By R. F. ^{and} A. L., on which I am about to enter: So help me God
Sworn and subscribed before me this
21st day of March A. D. 1868.

A. D. Evans J. P.

Edwin N. Monteith

No. 2 Bull. & A. 4. 1st Dec. 1867

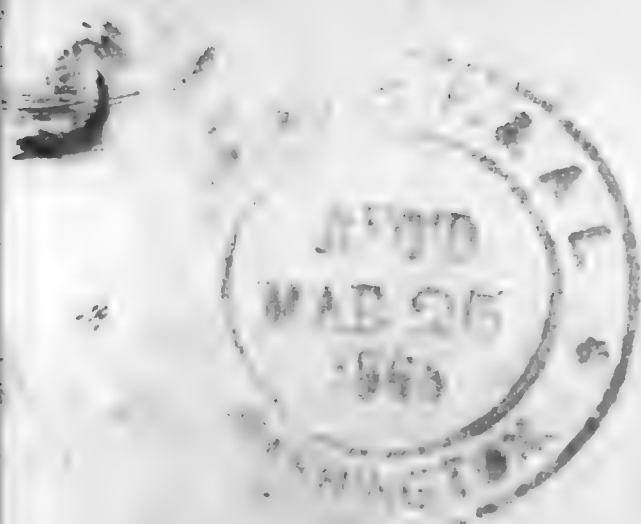
Baltimore Md.

Rec'd. 37/1868
Miss R. A. L. Vol 12/1888
Mumford J. A.

States that he ^{with} has been
teaching in col'd schools
for six months and has received
no compensation, desires to
return home, and asks trans-
portation for self & wife

ERp. 170-171, 80

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Rec'd. 4/18/68. Delivered 25/68

War Dept. Bureau of A.S.
Washington March 25/68

Respectfully returned
to Gen. H. Brooks, Asst. Comm.
of Maryland. The
Commissioner declined
to revoke or suspend
Circular 22.

By order of
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
E. J. Whittier
a.s.s.g.

ERB. 170, 71, 80, 172, 71, 84,

Mr. Mumford, Baltimore

Rec'd. Bu. B. P. and A. 1st Dec. 27, 1868

H. D. F. B. & A. L.

Baltimore -
March 23/68

Circular No 22 of
July 12 1867 - does
not allow return
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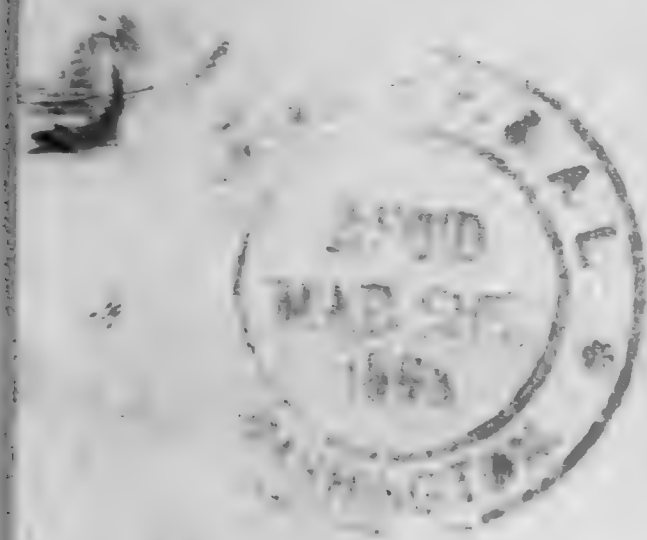
Baltimore Md.

March 30th 1868
Miss R. A. L. Vol 12 1888
Moulton J. A.

States that he has been
teaching in col'd schools
for six months and has recd.
no compensation, desires to
return home, and asks trans-
portation for self & wife

Ex. B. 170 - 80

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Recd. by Com. Genl. 8 Oct. 1868 - 568

War Dept. Bureau of A. S.
Washington March 20/68

Respectfully returned
to Gen. A. Brooks, Asst. Com.
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Commissioner declines
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Circular 22.

By order of
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
C. J. Whittier,
Asst. Secy.

Ex. B. 170, n. 80, 172, n. 84.

Mr. Moulton Robert

Recd. by B. R. 2nd 27th 1868

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Baltimore, March 23rd, 1868.

Gen Brooks,

Dear Sir:

Myself and wife
have been teaching in one of the colored
Public Schools of Baltimore City for the
past six months without compensation.

We have no means by which we can stop
longer in the city, and none to take us
from the city, to our home in Newport
Vermont.

Under the circumstances I am obliged
to appeal to you for transportation.

We had transportation furnished by the
New England Association when we came here.

Very respectfully, yours,

J. A. Moulton.

M. J. Burt & A. L. Smith & Co. 1861

Centerville Queen Anne Co,

Md.

June 5th 68

M. Lucy Smith,
Chas. J. B. Palmer

States that all the children
belonging to Hattie Kelly &
Susan Ringle have been
returned with the exception
of one small child belong-
ing to Hattie Kelly which
he retains by request of its
mother.

Case closed

495-261-

Sent letter of Dec

June 11th 68

Recd. Cent. Com. Ind. & Del. June 5th 1868

Centerville June 3^d 1868

To the Assistant Commissioners of - Freedmen's Bureau
Dr. Sir

Your letter dated April 23^d reached me
in due course of Mail, and was answered, In reply
to your communication of May 19th in reference to certain
Negro children which were bound to me by the
Orphans Court of this County, I will state that
they have sometime ago been delivered to their
parents, with the exception of one small child
whose mother is unable to take care of, and
earnestly wishes me to keep him.

In regard to the other children they had
prior to my receiving any letter from you, left
me and obtained homes for themselves.

Respectfully
John R. McQuay
per L.B. Palmer

In 6431. to 9. 8. 1868

Church Creek

Dorchester Co, Md,
Aug. 6th 68-

Mr. G. W. Smith

State that the girl
Lucy Brown, living with
him + daughter of Elyce
Brown, is not bound to
him, and is a - liberty
to leave at any time,
but she refuses to go
with her mother,

Care desired.

Recd. Aug. 6th 1868. Wm. + M. C. Aug. 8th 1868

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Church Creek
Dorchester Co Md.
Aug 6th 1868.

Capt Edward C Knowler -

Sir

Yours of 31st July
only rec'd this morning. In reference
to "a complaint" that I am "unlaw-
fully retaining a colored girl (Lucy
Brown) daughter of Eliza Brown, of
Dorchester Co. Md." &c I had expec-
ted some such action, and asked
Mr Daniel T. Orem, who knows
me and my surroundings, and
who said he knew you, to write
to you explaining the condi-
tion of affairs as between Lucy
Brown (the girl above named)
her mother and myself. He tells
me he wrote to you, but I sup-
pose you have not yet re-

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-cured it. Permit me to say in answer to yours, that Eliza Brown does not live in this state, but in Arkansas where she was sold about 12 years ago. She was once my slave, with a number of others, but I became involved in debt, and instead of selling my slaves in the highest Southern Market, I went among my neighbors and secured purchasers where I thought they would be kindly treated. But this woman was bought by a man whose wife proved so cruel that the woman (Eliza) would not stay home at all. So she was sold away (the owner retaining her children) and found a Master in Arkansas. After emancipation I took Lucy and a brother of Eliza took the

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to her, but she has now been
in my family about four
years, and has become attach-
ed to us, and we to her. In-
ded my wife is absolutely
distressed at the thought of
separation from her - for
she is childless, and the at-
tachment is much the more
stronger. Lucy is now about
15 years old, and has not
seen her mother before since
she was about 3 years old,
and consequently can not
have a very great amount
of attachment for her, - ~~and~~
she does not show it. In
fact she is so afraid
of being taken off forcibly
that she has been hiding

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about for several days. She does not want to go with her mother and I have not felt it to be my duty to catch her and bind her for her parent. Whose affections may be very strong for the child but ~~from~~ whose conduct in the matter warrants me in believing that the strongest inducement to carry her away is to cultivate cotton for her.

As I before stated, the child is not indentured to me, nor do I make any legal claim to her, or hold her, but she is nearly a woman in age, and entirely so in development. She is free to go or stay. Her mother can take her wherever she can find

Capt Edward C

only rec'd this to "a complaint fully retaining a Brown) daughter of Dorchester Co. I had some success in Mr Daniel T. O. Me and my who said he to your explanation of affair Brown (The go her mother and me he wrote pose you

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her, though the scene would
be very painful for me to
witness - the forcible taking
of her off. I can appeal to
my neighbors as to kind treat-
ment, and good care, and
to one who has devoted
several years of her life to
the instruction of negroes -
I mean Miss Mary S. Osbourne
a Massachusetts woman
who has taught a colored
school here ever since it
has been established, and
who boarded with me two
years. I repeat again, I do not,
nor never have, forcibly held
the girl. She has not wanted
to go with her mother, and
I have not compelled her,
and her mother, as yet,
has not used force
enough to take her against

(6)

the resistance she has made
she is now hiding about
as I before stated - Coming
to my house occasionally
for something to eat. I
am sincerely sorry for
her, and my wife really
suffers on account of
the condition of things. I
hope what I have stated to
you as to my part in the
matter will relieve me
from the trouble of law,
but if my duty is more
than I have stated, if
you will be kind enough
to state ^{it} explicitly I will
try to comply

Very respectfully

Your obedt servant

Hugh Maguire

U. S. Dep. Navy. R. H. 2nd A. S. Ind. 1866.

Navy Department
Washington, Sept. 14, 1866.

Faxon, Wm.
Actg. Sec. Navy

States that a letter to
reach the Steamer "Dacota"
should be directed to Care
of U. S. Consul at Panama
N. H. and postage of 10 ¢ pre-
paid.

Rec'd. Opt. Div. Sept 22. 66.

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Recd. aft. Comm. Recd. Sept. 18, 1866.

Navy Department.

Washington, Sept. 14 1866

Sir:

You are informed, in answer to your inquiry of the 11th instant, that a letter to reach the U.S. Steamer *Dacotah*, should be directed to the care of the U.S. Consul at Panama C. G. and the postage - 10 cents - be prepaid.

The name of E. W. Thompson appears on the last roll received from the *Dacotah*, dated July 1, 1866.

Very respectfully

M. Faxon

Actg Secretary

Brig. Maj. General

E. M. Gregory

Baltimore
Md.

J. J. R. K. H. G. L. S. Vol. 1408

Clerk's Office, Circuit Court.
Hagerstown, Md.
Oct. 18, 1876.

Hyman, Lewis D.
Clerk

Reports ~~so~~ Cases of Murder
by or on Freedmen in
his Country.

Recd. Aft. Comm. Ind. Oct. 18, 1866.

Clark's

Office

Hagerstown October 13th 1866.

Sir: In reply to the information solicited in your communication of a late date, I have to state that no murders have been committed in or by Freedmen, in this County, since the adoption of the new Constitution of Maryland.

Yours, Very Respectfully,

Lewis B. Symon.
Sec.

To
Edw. C. Knover,
Capt. U.S. A.,
Baltimore,
Md.

25. R. H. L. P. & H. L. 1867.

Worcester County
Snow Hill Ind.

April 10 1867.

Rock, J. B.

Clerk & Justice of the Peace
Worcester Co.

Furnishes information
relative to Unfortunates
among the Colored
People in Worcester Co.

IV to 3

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Received from Ind. & Dec. 18 1867

E. C. B. R. F. V. A. L. S. H. D. 1807

217 Madison Avenue
Baltimore Md. Sept. 20th 1807.

Norris, Am. J. S.

Write in regard to the
purchase of Mr. Bentley's
House for an Asylum
for Colored Orphans
in this City.

Received Sept. 20th 1807

Recd. Sept. Comm. Md. Sept. 20th 1807.

Genl Gregory

After our interview yesterday I consulted with one of our vice-presidents, and some of our board, all of whom are much interested in the work.

They think it will be decidedly best to take Mr Bentley's house. And all think it will accommodate as many as we shall be able to maintain under existing circumstances. —

our means comes to us by annual subscriptions and you know such amounts are seldom large. — Yard room is more to us than any use, or rent the stable might give, and the price is an object. There are some of our most respectable residents who have for 25 years lived in the block of Dr Bombaugh who would we know think it not kind in us ~~to~~ to locate there

I desire not to dictate, but thought
it would probably be right you should
know we had consulted on the subject.

Another important consideration
is the fact we must move from
North Street in one week and Mr
Bentley will give, doubtless, immediate
possession.

Respectfully

J. Mrs J. G. Norris.

217 Madison Avenue

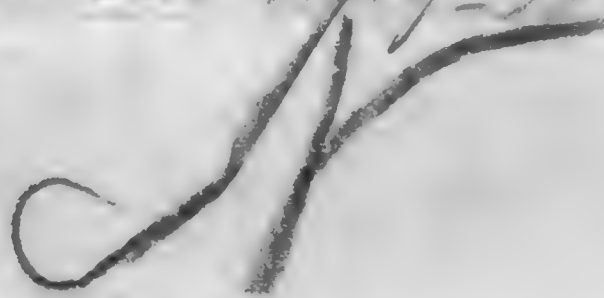
April 20th 1867

N. 1. 2nd & 3rd 1st 2nd 3rd
Darlington Harbor
County Ind,
February 6th 1868

Northey Sylvester
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States that he was in-
formed about three weeks
ago by his Agents R. P.
Austin & Co, that his Great
Ct got, had been sold, and
wants to know where the
money is -

Witness my hand - 12th 68 -



1868

W. 1. 2nd 3rd 1st 2nd 3rd
Dec 11th 1868

the Washington
1. 2nd 3rd 1st 2nd 3rd
will contain

Washington

States that he was in-
formed about three weeks
ago by his Agents R. P.
Quentin & Co that his share
of the money was being
sent to him and the
money is -

Answers of 1-23-68-

1

May Gen. E. M. Gregory (Sir)
I write this few lines to you
to know if you can't inform
me why it is that my share of the
is not paid. I was in Boston
a bought three weeks ago & the
claim agent, R. P. Quentin informs
me that he had my certificate
of my adhesion government - but that
it would be paid in a few days
that has been about three weeks
ago. & I have not heard any
more about it. you will do
me a kindness if you will inform me

The money is
in Washington
I suppose
will be paid

Darlington Feb. 6th 1868

May' Gen. E. M. Gregory (Sir)
I write these few lines to you
to know if you can't inform
me why it is that my Gov. bounty
is not paid. I was in Baltimore
a bought there week ago & the
claim agent, R. P. Gustine informs
me that he had my certificate
of my adjoined government bounty &
it would be paid in a few days
that has been about there weeks
ago. & I have not heard any
more about it. you will do
me a kindness if inquire into this
matter & let me know why it has
not been paid as the paper has
been on file ~~over~~ ~~one~~ ~~year~~ &
the money has ~~not~~ ~~been~~ paid as
yet

The money is
in the hands of
the collector
and will be paid
in a few days

me a kindness if inquire into this

I hope you will leave me to
a lawfull excuse for interrupting
you upon such a matter

you will do me a kindness
by informing me at your earliest
convenience

Yours Truly

Sylvester Norton

Lat. 1st Supt Co D. 4th Reg

U.S. Troops

P.S.

Address ~~Darlington~~ M.D.

Post office

L.R. - Co. 1st Regt. 13th Cal. Inf.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & A.S.

Washington D.C.

Oct. 1st 1868

Dear Sir,

Ag't. in charge of Claim Division,

Enclosed Per your Certificate

No. 417. in favor of Louisa,

widow of Richard Offord, late

Capt. Co. A. 30th Regt. C.S.

Requests that it be acknowl-
edged.

Respectfully,
J. A. C. Ball
Oct. 5th 1868

1868

Recd. Off. J. A. C. Ball Oct. 2nd 1868

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 1st, 1868.

1 Lt. Capt. E. C. Knower, M. G. A.
Agents 1 Dr. R. F. & A. Sands
1 Baltimore, Md.
Captain;

I am directed to enclose herewith Pension certificate - No. 86,417 - in favor of Lorinda, widow of Richard Offord, late Corps Co. A. 30. M. G. A.

I have acknowledged receipt at your earliest convenience, giving number of this letter.

L. S.
1885.

Very respectfully
your obt. servant
William R. Drew.
Agent 1 Dr. R. F. & A. L.
Chief of Claim Division.

Bu. R. F. + A. L.
Washⁿ D. C. Oct 3/68

J. W. Brown
Br. May + D. C.

Encloses check for
\$500 in payment
of stable rent

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Office Chief Accounting and Disbursing Officer,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

132 Pennsylvania Avenue, between 19th and 20th Streets,

Washington, D. C., Oct 3rd 1868

Capt H. C. Von Schirach
Sub Asst. Commr.
Baltimore, Md

Captain, Enclosed please find \$5.⁰⁰/₁₀₀
Five Dollars. in payment of rent of stable
month of September, owned by Jacob Heine
Please make out Ice bill in form N^o 22
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Serv.

A. M. Brown
Port Mayor & D.C.

C. S. P. R. and Dist. of Ind. on a case

Church Creek

Dorchester Co., Md.

July 29th 1868

Orem Land, I.

Cure closed

States that Mr. Hugh
Magnie has in his family,
a colored girl, belonging to
Elijah Brown, who has been
with him since emancipation.
The mother Elijah
having been a former
slave of his and sold some
years ago to the father.
The mother now claims
the girl who is 15 years of
age, and refuses to go with
her; she is not bound,
asks advice from Bureau

Recd. Case from Bureau Aug. 1st 1868

Invest. 7th 1868. Mrs. H. J. J.
Brown called & requested
again to have the girl
delivered to her. —
Will call again Aug. 8th 1868.
J. J.

The girl
to the ~~man~~
took her
circumstances.
had her
here I know
treated
and to claim
being very
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to go off with
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and they have
to you
them to catch
away far
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I believe
has her
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Church Creek
Dorchester Co. Md
July 29th 1868.

Capt Edward C. Knower
Sir:

A peculiar condi-
tion of affairs exists here in
reference to a freed child.
Allow me to state the circum-
stances as I know them, and
as I am creditably informed about
them. Some 16 years, or more
ago a Mr Hugh Maguire owned
a valuable lot of Slaves, but
becoming involved beyond
relief in any ordinary man-
ner he had to sell his
property. But being a hu-
mane man, he went
among his pro-slavery neigh-
bors and selected homes for

his people, and sold them at prices much below the market in the regular trade in human chattels, to save them from separation from each other. Among the slaves was a woman bought by a man whose wife proved so cruel to her that she voluntarily put herself in jail - and would not go back to her master. So he sold her to traders retaining her two small children. This was about 11 or 12 years ago, I recollect the transaction well. This woman finally found her way to Arkansas, whence she returned some two weeks since after her children. In the meantime her children were found. Her freed brother took one from the late master, and

the former the other - a 15 years old child is with the mother. The mother is willing to stay in her neighborhood from force. She is attached to her mistress and mistress's woman. Knowledge attached to her has attempted force once. The girl has lately, that mention of escaped, and she herself before

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 mother from taking her by
 force. She is very much at-
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 less woman) and to my
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with her mother. The girl
is not apprenticed to the fam-
-ily at all. They took her
immediately after emanci-
-pation, and have had her
ever since, where I know
she has been kindly treated.
They do not pretend to claim
her of right, but being very
much attached to her, and she
being unwilling to go off with
her mother, has given them
much distress, and they have
asked me to write to you
would advise them to catch
and send her away forc-
-ibly? or advise the mother
to let her remain? I believe
the mistress loves her as her
child - very much better in-
-deed than her natural
mother, whose maternal

Capt Edward
See
tion of affairs
reference to
Allow me to
stances as
as I am credi-
them. Some
ago a Mr. Hays
a valuable
becoming re-
relief in an-
ner he has
property. Be-
-mane M
among his
bars and

Kindness has not at all im-
 -pressed me. I asked the mother
 if she had not better let the child
 remain where she was, in a kind
 family (as the child had no more
 affection for her - as her mother
 - than for any other woman) than
 to take her to a country where, as
 the mother says herself, she
 is 50 miles from a school or
 Post office? She seemed to
 be very angry because the child
 would not go with her. Said
 the family had been persuading
 her not to go; that she meant
 to have her at all hazards;
 that if she remained with
 that family she knew that
 in a short time she would
 have to go to the Poor House
 &c. The family, it is quite
 little, did not urge her to
 leave them very warmly.

but they lay ⁶ no claim other
beyond a moral and affec-
tionate one, and they would
be glad of your advice,
or any suggestion you may
have to make in the matter.
They do not want the girl
to leave them, and the girl
does not want to leave.

(While I at once admit
the natural and legal claim
of the mother, I doubt very
much if she can improve
her child's condition in any
particular by taking her away.
I judge the mother, from all
know of the transaction, to be
influenced as much by the
pecuniary as the maternal
motives. She having a crop
of cotton to care for, and ~~other~~
~~other~~ ~~top~~ plentiful. Respectfully
Daniel S. Orin

P. 1
Paymaster General's office
Division of referred claims
Washington D.C.
May 19. 1866

John Armstrong
C.B. 39th U.S.C.T.

Holmes C.
Bot Lt Col ~~Engel~~ ^{Engel}

Giving information in regard
to the case of John Armstrong
C.B. 39th U.S.C.T. ^{Engel} stating
that the Hospital files give
no information concerning
him re



Rec^d May 20/66 - O. G. (2) - no. 1.

C. HOLMES,
Bvt. Lt. Col. and Paymaster.

Paymaster General's Office,
DIVISION OF REFERRED CLAIMS,

• Washington, D. C., May 19 1866.

Brut. Maj. Gen. Geo. J. Stannard
Apt. Commr. &c

General: Yours of 14th is in hand. We have reports from Hospitals at Newbern N. C., and Fort Fisher, on file which give no account of John Armstrong, Co. I D, 89th Inf. C. D. I have this day written to them again, requesting a re-examination of the records, and asking an early report; and have also directed communication to Hospitals at Wilmington, N. C. It may two or three weeks before a report is returned. But when they are heard from, the case can probably be adjusted and settled.

Very Respectfully
Cholmes

Brut. Lt. Col. and Paymr. U.S.A.

Paymaster General's Office
Division of referred Claims
Washington D.C.
April 17 1866

Holmes, C.
Bot. Lt Col & Surgeon USA

Stating that it would
be impossible to settle
the claim of John
Armstrong ^{B 39th} as his
evidence was so very
imperfect

C. HOLMES,
Bvt. Lt. Col. and Paymaster.

Paymaster General's Office,
DIVISION OF REFERRED CLAIMS,

Washington, D. C., April 17 1866.

John Armstrong Esq.
Baltimore, Md.

It is impossible to settle your claim without further evidence, your record is so very imperfect. You must state distinctly the time for which you claim pay. Your muster-out roll reports you "sick in U. S. Genl. Hospital since April 1864" and in your affidavit you say you were at Camp Birney, Baltimore, from July 28/64 to Feb'y, 13/65, and then went to Fort Fisher, and was at once transferred to the Hospital, &c. What Hospital at Fort Fisher—what was its name? This must be known before your claim can be adjusted. Were you ever paid at Camp Birney, or in the Hospital? If possible, get a certificate from your Captain in regard to your service, &c.

Very Respectfully

C. Holmes Bvt. Lt. Col. and Paymaster

P. 2. B. R. L. P. A. L. M. 1866 538 (6)

War Department
Provost Marshall General Bureau
Washington, D.C. July 12, 1866

Mr Keever Chauncey
Det. Brig Genl. ^{and} A.A. L.

Pro. Mar. Gen. has directed Maj
H. W. Wharton U.S.A. M & D.O.
to turn over building 31 Cal-
vert St. to Freedmen Bureau
retaining 4 rooms as office
A.A. P. M. G. & Co.

Maj. Wharton to pay \$25.
per mo rent.

Recd. July 18/66. aft. Comm. Order

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Bureau

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Ab. mag. 18. (P) 335-2

War Department,
Provost Marshal General's Bureau,

Washington, D. C. July 12th 1866.

Br. Lieut. Col. A. Chandler, A. A. S.,
Actg. Asst. Commr. of the Freedman's Bureau
for Delaware and Maryland,
Baltimore, Md.
Colonel,

I am directed by the Provost Marshal General
to inform you that, in compliance with your request of the 10th inst., Major H. H.
Wharton, U. S. A., Supt. Vb. Rdg. Serv., A. A. S. M. Genl, and Chief Mes-
tering and Disbursing Officer for Delaware and Maryland, has been instructed
to turn over to you the building, No 31 Calvert Street, now occupied by him,
retaining four rooms for the Office of Supt. Vb. Rdg. Serv., A. A. S. M.
Genl, and Chief M. and D. Officer.

Major Wharton will pay \$25⁰⁰ per month rent for the four rooms
retained by him; the rent of the remainder of the building to be paid by
the Freedman's Bureau as suggested by you.

I am, Colonel,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Chauncey M. Keever
Br. Brig. Genl and A. A. Genl

P. 5
Clear Spring,
Washington Co. Md.
August 2^d 1866.

Pulley, Dennis (Col. G)
"R" 11

Requests his Certificate of
discharge to be sent to him,
and inquires, when he may
receive his State Bounty.

War Department.
Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Claims Division
Washington. Aug. 7th 1866.

Respectfully referred to Maj. General
Francis Fessenden (Asst. Commissioner)
Bureau R. F. and A. L. Baltimore Md.
who will please give written the desired
information, concerning State Bounty and
if deemed proper, return his discharge
certificate.

By order of
Maj. Genl. A. A. Howard

Saml Thomas
Col. Brig. Genl. & A. A. G.

al. v. no. 5. (P) 553-5.

Recd B. R. F. & A. L. C. D. Aug. 4th 1866.

Enclosed sent

Clear Spring
Washington County, Md.
Aug - 2nd - 1866

Mr. Wm. Fowler
A. A. Gen. S.

Sir,

As under the
recent act of Congress I am
entitled to more Govt. Bounty
I need my Certificate of
Discharge which I suppose
you can obtain & forward
to me as it is only needed
at ~~Chambers~~ ^{Chambers} ~~poth~~ ^{the} ~~Copied~~.

You will oblige me
greatly by forwarding it
~~without delay~~ at the earliest
practicable day -

How soon may I receive
my State ~~Bounty~~ ^{Bounty} (over)?

Enclosed sent

Mrs. Truly
Dennis Pulley
Lat 4th N. C. 1877

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst. and in reply to inform
you that the same has been
forwarded to the proper
authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

U. S. M. A. F. H. L. - W. H. L. - W. H. L.

Washington, D. C.
Oct. 26, 1866.

Penniman, J. L.

Requests that the address
of Maj. Gen. H. Piatt, former-
ly an officer on duty in the
Durian at Baltimore, may
be sent to Senator Foster
at Norwich Conn.

Recd. at the office of the Sec. of War Oct. 27, 1866

Ms. A. 6. 6.

D.C.
1866.

ap. L.

to address
att. former
duties in the
army, may
for Foster
in.

Oct 27 1866

Washington
Oct 26/66

Gen E S Gregory
Sir

Senator Foster
of Connecticut is very
anxious to learn the
address of Major John
H Piatt who recently
left Baltimore to be
examined for an
appointment in the
regular army. Thinking
that he may have
left his address at
the Freedmen's Bureau
I send you this note.
Should you know where
he is you would confer
a great favor by at
once addressing Senator

Forster who resides at
Norwich Conn.

I am Sir

Very respectfully
Yas Le Penman

P. S. B. H. F. & S. Dec. 1866

Clear Spring
Washington Co. Md.
Dec. 7, 1866.

Perry, H. F.

Writes in behalf of the
within named colored
men, late U. S. Soldiers,
who placed their Discharge
papers in the hands of Col.
J. P. Greager for the Collec-
tion of their claims. States
also that Greager, after collec-
ting their Md. State Bounty
refused to pay the money
over to the colored men.

Makes inquiries concerning
the collection of Govt. & State
Bounty due colored men.

Answered Dec. 18 1866

Recd. aft. Comm. Md. Dec. 11 1866.

Clear Spring, Washington Co,
Maryland, Dec. 12, 1866

Major Gen. C. M. Briggs.

Sir,

In behalf of the
following named colored men, residing in this place,
who are unable to read or write for themselves, viz:

Elisha Cantion & whose son, Joshua Cantion, Co. D, 4th U.S.C.S.
was killed in battle.

Samuel H. Bryan Co. E, 4th U.S.C.S. X

Jacob S. Hutton Co. D, 4th U.S.C.S.

I address you this letter for the purpose of calling
to your attention, as the Officer of the Freedmen's Bureau,
their complaints, viz:

Elisha Cantion gave a power of Attorney to
Ed. J. P. Creager, No 338, N. Baltimore St, Baltimore Md,
to collect for him his State of Maryland Bounty due
his son, Joshua Cantion, &c. - Said J. P. Creager collected
the State Bounty, Sept. 27th 1866 & up to this time
refuses to give it up to said Elisha Cantion, although
said Creager acknowledges that he has the money
in his possession.

over

Col. J. P. Creager, promised to collect these claims "free of charge".

James H. Bryan, I am officially informed, was at the time of his enlistment, about August 2nd 1862, improperly & through mistake entered upon the Roll of his Company as a Slave Man. He was born a free man, & never was a Slave. He was paid Sept. 15th 1863 - \$100.^{State Bounty} As a "free man" he was entitled to \$200. Is there no way by which the mistake can be corrected? If so please inform me in what way. Col. J. P. Creager has James H. Bryan's Discharge Paper & refuses to give it up, & thereby ^{prevents} is unable to apply for his additional Bounty due by the Government, per Act July 28th 1866. Is there no way by which said Creager can be compelled to give up the Discharge Paper?

I am also officially informed that Col. J. P. Hugen, to whom Jacob E. Hatten gave his power of Attorney to collect his State of Mo. Bounty, did Nov. 22 1865 collect the full \$300. State Bounty due said Hatten, & sent Hatten only \$100, retaining the remainder in his (Creager's) possession & refuses to pay the remaining \$200. due Hatten.

The above statements have been furnished to me by each of the above named colored men, & they

desire to know whether the Freedmen's Bureau can
assist them in getting the money due them, & which is
now in the possession of Col. J. P. Creager. If such assistance
can be given, please inform me in what way. If any
papers are necessary, & you will inform me how they
should be prepared, or, if you will send the proper blanks,
I will have them filled up & return them to you.

Now the Freedmen's Bureau attend to the collection
of Federal Government & State of Maryland Bounties
due Colored Soldiers? If so, & these & some other Colored
Soldiers (discharged) will forward to you the proper papers,
will you attend to such collection? If so, the men desire
to know whether they would be to any expense, or how much.
I think there are several of them here who have not
received their bounty. Have you any blank for State &
M^t Bounty or Fed^l Government Bounty. If so, please
send about six of each, & when filled & properly executed
they shall be returned to you for collection.

As these Colored men are mostly unable to either
read or write they have requested me to assist them,
which I have consented to do.

I By giving your attention to the above

Cases, & the inquiries made, at your earliest
Convenience, you will greatly oblige.

Very Respectfully,

Honrs. &c.

H. H. Perry

P. S. B. A. 4. 2. 5. - 894. 1866.

Dear Sir,

Washington Co. Ind.

Dec. 7, 1866.

Perry, H. H.

Articles in behalf of the
petition named colored
men, late U. S. Soldiers,
who placed their Armbands
in the hands of Col.
J. P. Greager for the collec-
tion of their claims - State
abstract Greager, after col-
lecting them and State Property
returns & pays the money
over to the colored men.

Greager's negligence concerning
the collection of Land & State
Property and colored men.

Answered Dec. 18, 1866

Postpaid (m). Ind. Dec. 11, 1866.

Claims for U.S. Arrears of Pay & Bounty
Pension, Additional Bounty ^{for money} and
State Bounty (from Maryland) are
filed, prosecuted and collected through
the Claim Division of these Headquarters
free of charge to colored claimants.
The only expenses to such claimants
consist of Justice fees and Clerk
of the Court's fees, and Revenue stamps
for State claims. - All colored persons
having claims against the Government
or State of Maryland should address
letters to Major F. B. von Schinckel,
Chief of Claim Division, Major General
Gregory's staff, stating explicitly what
they claim, whether Bounty, Pay, ^{for money} clothing
money &c. giving, in case of bounty
claim, the amount already received
and amount yet due; they must
also state whether they have given
any power of atty' to any claim agent
or other person. - The Discharge or
Discharges must be filed with this Office

for collection of claims. -

If a man's name has been entered on Rolls as slave, whereas he can prove his freedom by respectable witnesses (two) cognizant of the fact of such freedom, he should make application for Bounty & = as though he was free, and not marked slave on the rolls. - A colored soldier who makes application for \$300.00 free colored ^{State} Bounty but receives only \$100.00 from the State (Slave Bounty) does by receiving and accepting such Bounty virtually acknowledge of having been a slave person; he can not subsequently claim a free Bounty! -

Clear Spring
Washington Co. Md.
Dec. 26 1866.

Perry, H. H.

Forwards for collection
the claim of Jacob Downey
late Co. "D." 4th U. S. C. Troop
for balance due of Md.
State Bounty - and gives
statement concerning
the same. Also makes
statement concerning
the claim of J. H. Bryan
late Co. "K." 4th U. S. C. T. - entered
^{erroneously}
on rolls as a slave. All
the papers in hands of Greason.

Wrapper. Three (3) Enclosures

Recd. Capt. Comm. Ind. Dec. 28 1866.

Bureau Refugee, Freedmen &c.
Hd. Qu. Capt. Commission -
Baltimore, Md. Dec. 28, 1866.

Respectfully referred to Port.
Col. W. H. Miegel, Chief Inspector
in charge Complaint Dept. Bu.
R. F. and A. L. for Ind. for his
action in the matter.

By Command of
Port. Maj. Amb. Gregory, aft. Compr.
Edw. C. Knower
Capt. 4th B. C. and A. A. A. Amb.

18th Nov 66 wrote to Mr
Perry in reference to these
cases.

If more freedom papers are required please let
me know.
Respectfully
Chas. J. Perry
Dec. 26th 1866

and stead, to prosecute my claim to Stat. of Maryland
Bounty, due me as a Private in Company "D"

and hereby revoking all other Powers of Attorney, giving and granting unto my said Attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney, or his substitute, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and seal this
Eighth day of *December* in the year one thousand eight hundred
 and sixty= *six*

Know all Men by these Presents,

That I Jacob Leamer have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute, and appoint William C. M. Perry, Commissioner of Baltimore city, Md., my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, place, and stead, to prosecute my claim to State of Maryland County, due me as a Priv. in Company "D" 1st Lt. W. C. M. Perry for the whole amount of salary due me as a due me as \$1,200 of which I received \$250 for the 2nd term, then in due due me \$950, and hereby revoking all other Powers of Attorney, giving and granting unto my said Attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney, or his substitute, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

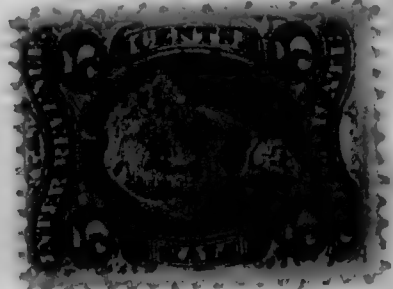
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eighth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Jacob Leamer
mark
W. C. M. Perry
John Perry

State of Maryland } ss.
County of Washington
City of Washington

Be it known, That on the Eighth day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the state of Maryland duly commissioned and sworn, dwelling in Chesapeake personally came Jacob Leamer and acknowledged the above Letter of Attorney to be his act and deed.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal of office, the day and year last above written.

Tacitus H. Halley, Jr.

Eighth day of *December* in the year one thousand eight hundred
and sixty-*six*

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

H. F. Perry
John Perry

Jacob ^{*his*} *Lawmer*
mark

State of *Maryland*

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I, LEWIS B. NYMAN, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *Facitus W. Valley Esq*

before whom the above and annexed *Acknowledgment*
was made, and who hath thereunto subscribed his name, was, at the time of so-doing, one of the
Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said County, duly elected, commissioned
and sworn, and that his signature is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name
and affix the seal of the Circuit Court, aforesaid, this

11th day of *Decr* A. D. 186*6*

Lewis B. Nyman
Clerk.



Chas Spring, Dec, 31st 1866
Washington, Co. Md.

Major Geo. C. M. Gregory, Comd. R. A. 1st Regt. A. S.

Sir:

I have

taken the liberty of forwarding to you for collection
the claim of Jacob Downey, Co. D. 4th Md. U. S. C. Troop
for State of Maryland Bounty due him. said Jacob
Downey placed this claim for Md. State Bounty in the
hands of Col. J. P. Greager to collect. By an official statement
from the Office of the State Treasurer, I am informed that
said J. P. Greager did, on the 29th December 1865, collect
\$350. of said bounty, but there is still due said Jacob
Downey by the Treasurer of Maryland \$50. The enclosed
Power of Attorney has been given for the purpose of revoking
all former Powers of Attorney, including that given to J. P. Greager,
so that Col. Greager cannot get hold of the remainder due said
Downey, & to enable you to procure such bounty as is still
due Downey by the Treasurer of Maryland. The blank, upon
which the claim is made out is the one that has
been recognized by the State Treasurer, & upon the presentation
of which he has paid the bounty claimed. The freedom

Paper of Jacob Louney was made out at our time
& forwarded to Col. J. P. Creager, who acknowledged the
receipt of it. I suppose that it is on deposit with the
State Treasurer of Md.

James H. Bryan, ^{C. & 4th U.S.C.T.} concerning whom I wrote
you a few days since, placed his State Bounty Claim
in the hands of Col. J. P. Creager. He also sent to said
Creager his discharge paper. There is still due Bryan
by the Treasurer of Maryland \$300. by the U.S. \$100. &
also his claim to additional bounty per act, July 28, 1866.
Said Bryan is unable to collect any of these claims,
as Col. Creager still holds on to the discharge paper
& refuses to give it up. Will you please inform me
if there is no way to make Creager give up the discharge
so that Bryan can collect the bounties due him -
If you can get hold of the discharge paper, you can
keep it in your possession & Bryan will execute the
proper paper & forward them to you to collect the
different bounties due him.

It will be much obliged to you to
give this letter your early attention

I remain,

Very Respectfully,

Yours &c.

H. H. Perry

To Maj. Gen. E. M. Gregory

12 N. Calvert St.

Baltimore

Maryland

The case of Lieut. H. Bryan, Co. B. 4th M^o U.S.C. spoken of in the
letter needs some explanation. It appears that his name has been
returned upon the Roll as a slave man. This is a mistake. He was
never a slave man. He was born free, & has always continued
so. Col. Creager informed me that the Treasurers of Maryland refused
to pay more than \$100. although the proof of his freedom
accompanied the application for his State Bond. Col. Creager
sent the \$100. to Bryan, & at the same time informed
Bryan that in justice he was entitled to \$200. more.
As soon as this information reached Bryan, he ordered
Col. Creager to place the claim in the hands of Hon Henry
Stockbridge, of Baltimore to bring suit for the remainder.
I have in my possession the letter of Col. Creager stating that he
had given the claim to Mr Stockbridge. But by a letter recently
received from Mr Stockbridge, I am informed that Col. Creager
never did give him any such claim. Bryan never accepted
the \$100. as full satisfaction for his claim to State of
M^o Bond, but has been using all the means in
his power to have the mistake corrected, but up to this
time has failed, probably through the ineffective
movement of Col. Creager. You, General Rogers, injustice

has been done this Colored man, & he asks that his case
be laid before you, that the proper course may be
pursued to correct the mistake (which he is not in
any way accountable, may be corrected) His freedom
can be established by the testimony of all the citizens
of this town. He asks for justice, & only justice. A mistake
has somewhere been made, for which he is in no way
responsible. He asks that his discharge paper, which he
supposes is in the hands of Col. Creager (at least it was
sent to him (Col. Creager)) & he ^{may} be obtained from said
Creager, that he (Bryan) may be able to collect his M^d State
Bounty, U.S. Bounty, & Additional Bounty per Act, July 28th 1864
Cannot his discharge paper be gotten hold of? Please
inform me,

I remain

Very Respectfully,

Thos. V. C.

H. S. Perry

J. Gen. C. M. Creager

Bn. N. & A. L. State M.

12 N. Calvert St

Baltimore

Maryland

of
Lowson Town, Md.
Feby. 19, 1827.

Philpot, John
per clerk.
Requiter

States that it will be
impossible to furnish the
number of Colored ap-
prentices & quires reasons
&c.

P

Recd. & Comd. Feb. 21 1827.

Howson Town Feb 19th 1867

Bot May Gent E M Gregory.

Dear Sir

It would be impossible
for us to furnish you with the Number of
Colored apprentices in this County, without
examining each indenture recorded, as both the
indentures for White and Black apprentices are
recorded in ^{the} same Liber and only could be gotten
out by examining each indenture which I assure
you would be an extensive undertaking,
With my regrets in not being able to ^{furnish} the information
desired

I am Respectfully

John Philpot per Clerk

Page 181 of 182

Ellicott City, Md.
Feby. 20, 1867.

Peddicord, Eli L.
Register

Furnishes number of
Colored apprentices bound
since Nov. 1 1824.

A. P.

Recd. at Ellicott City, Md. Feby. 21 1867.

Ellicott City Inds
July 20th 1867

Edward C. Knower

1st Lt 45 M.S.C. 1st Reg a.a. Cent.

Dr fr

From the

1st day of November 1864, when the emancipa-
tion of this State went into operation, to the
7th day of August 1866, there have been
been bound as colored apprentices the
number of 49 - This all we have
on our books to this (20th July 1867) date

Hoping that this will be satisfactory

I remain yours &c

Eli S. Peeddicord

Register of Wills

for Howard County Ind

See \$1,25

Ellicott City Ind.
Feb. 27, 1867.

Ellicott City Ind.
Feb. 27, 1867.

Peddicord, Eli L.
Register of Mills

Furnish additional in-
formation relative to
Children bound out in
Howard Co. Md.
Fees \$ 3.00.

Receipt Com. Ind. & Del. March 21 - 1867.

Albany City
Feb 27th 1867

Edw^d C. Knower Esq

Sir

Yours of the 26th was received which I answer
to the best of my knowledge and ability. There
has been since 1840, to 1864, 185 apprentices bound
by our Court out of which our books show that
135 out that number, are out of date, that is there
time is out, and 50 are still in servitude, or
their time is not out, we cannot tell you
any thing more, for some of them no doubt
have died or run away. We do not keep any
records in regard to that, before 1840 our County
was a District of A A Court, you will have to
write to the Register there if you wish to go further
back. You have the number bound since 1864 to
date, and I do not think any of them are free as
yet, I do not ^{know} if any have died or run away,
hoping this information will be sufficient I remain

Yours

E. T. Reddick & Reg

per Day Septy

Cost of this & other \$3.00

P. 14. D. B. H. L. - Del. & Del. 1867.

Kent County
Chertown Md.
April 24 " 1867.

Perkins, Dr. J. A.

Furnish information
relative to the number of
Colored Unfortunates in Almshouse
of Kent Co.

Recd. apt. Comm. Md. & Del. apt. 27 / 67.

Chestertown Apr 24th/67.
Lieut. E. C. Knower,

Dear Sir,

By request of
the trustees of the almshouse of
Kent County, I acknowledge your letter.
I am the physician of that in-
stitution: but shall not be able to
furnish you the information you desire.
We have but a few colored persons in
the house at present: of those there are
but two who are blind, and one idiotic.
The blind are females and the idiotic
male, who is also dumb. All adults
there are two females who are imbecile.
There are many others in our county, but
they are not collected in our institution.

I am respectfully yours,

J. P. R. Lins.

... to the ...

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May 8th 1867

Dear George A

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... .. May 9th 1867

Cumbe Land May 8th 1867

My dear Sir

yours of 29th March
has not been before answered
because I did not receive
the information, which I requested
a respectable and reliable
colored man to get for me -
I give list of those unfortunates
which I have obtained - In the
whole list there is but one
lunatic, none deaf and dumb
and none with club-feet.

- 1 Julia Belane - Old, bedridden & lunatic
- 2 Ther Boney - very old and feeble
- 3 Harriett Whisen - Old, rheumatic, helpless
- 4 Matilda Grant - Large tumor in her stomach
helpless -
- 5 Semina Custard - Old, feeble, helpless -
- 6 - Nat Burgee - Old, rheumatic, helpless
- 7 Jane Hill - Blind and a cripple
- 8 Harriett Harris - Subject to fits
- 9 Charlotte Adkins - Confirmed rheumatism

John W. Lawrence
Chapel Hill, N.C.
August 28th 1867

My A. H.

Asking information in
relation to State Column
of Gen. J. M. W. Matilda
Watts & others.

Answered by
Knower

Aug 13 1867

Recd. & A. H. 28th Aug 67

Clearspring, Washington Co.
Maryland Aug. 3rd 1867
Capt. Genl. E. H. Gregory,
Cu. V. S. & A. S. G. M.
D. Sir:

In December
1866 I addressed a letter to your
relative to the Claims of James
H. Bryan, Elisha Canton, & Jacob
S. H. Allen, which had been placed
in the hands of Col. J. P. Creager,
338 N. Baltimore St. Md. acting as
Claims Agent for the ^{U.S.} Sanitary Com-
mission. — On the 30th day of
December 1866 I recd. a reply to
said letter from Capt. Edward C.
Snowden, informing me that an
Examination of the Books of Col
Creager was then being made by
you or under your authority.

James H. Bryan has just

Called at my office with the agent
that he has rec^d a Certificate to be
signed by him, as preliminary to
drawing the money as full settlement
of his Claim from the State of Md.
If his Claim has been settled
by the Freedman's Bureau, I
suppose the others - being of a similar
character - have also been settled.
Will you oblige me by informing
me what progress has been made
in the settlement of the three Claims
above-mentioned, & the following I
placed in the hands of the Freedman's
Bureau.

John L. Watts, State of Md. Bounty.

Jacob Douney, " " "

~~Ann. Naylor (for son)~~

Matilda Watts (for Bro. Son) Additional Bounty.

I remain

Very Respectfully

H. T. Perry

J. S. Barker & Co. Per Dec. 10.

Cecil Co. Ind.
Jan. 24th 1868

Price Jeremiah Co.

States that he will comply
with the decision of Bureau
and deliver up the child
when called for.

Case closed

J.

1868

Recd. Apt. Jan. Per Dec. Jan. 27 1868

Cecilston Aug 24/68

General E. M. Gregory

Dear Sir

Your
Communication through
your Mt. Sept-a-a-a E. C.
Knover. Came to hand on
the 23rd instant

In reply to said
Communication. I will comply
with your decision and
deliver up the child when
called for

Truly Yours
H. Price

D. H. Bush, Vol. X, 1857 Dec. 1868

Marrick Cecil Co. Md.

February 10th 1868

Price Hm

States that he holds the
two children of James and
Mary Jane Brown and will
willingly give them up
as soon as the roads will per-
mit.

Complainant notified
of return, Feb 14, 68, and
requested to inform this
Office whether Price gives
up the children

Letter received Feb 24 68
from Complainant, stating
that his children had been
restored

Case closed See letter of Brown
dated Feb 7, 1868
R. O. April 10, 1868

Warwick Feby 10-1868
Edward C Knowles
Sir

I have just recd
your letter stating that complaint
has been made that I am unl-
awfully detaining two children
of James & Mary Jane Brown &c

I have the two children and
have no desire to keep them and
will be glad to give them up
immediately, but our roads are
so icy now I cannot do it for
a few days as it would be haz-
ardous to team and children

As soon as the roads ~~will~~ permit
I will deliver them to their parents

If there is any thing else requir-
ed please let me know by return
mail

Yours Respectfully
William Price

2. B. R. F. and A. L. 1866

R.
Bureau of B. F. and A. L.
Hd. In. Gen. Division
Winchester, Va. July 8, 1866.

Remington, J. S.
Bvt. Maj. and Supt.

Forwards Voucher and
Abstract with return
(Form 28 S.M.D.) for same
for approval.

Recd. aft. Comm. and. July 5, 1866

C. C. Vreder (R.) 380-4

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & S.
Head Quarters Shenandoah Division
Winchester Va. July 3rd 1866.

Br Major Gen. Geo. J. Stannard
Asst. Commissioner
Baltimore, Md.
General

I have the honor to forward
herewith two copies voucher 1, A. G.
to my return (Form 23. Quid.) for same,
for your approval and return -

I am, General

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

J. H. Remington

Capt. & Br Major, one
Supt. Shen. Div.

R. 10

Bureau Refugee, Freedmen &
Hd. Qu. Sher. Division
Manchester, Va. July 21, 1866.

Remington, J. B.
Art. Maj. and Supt.

Reports Bureau Funds
remaining on hand
week ending July 21, 1866
\$20.57 and is deposited
in his hands.

Ab. Wm. V. (R) 381-10.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & A.S.
Headquarters Freedmen's Division
Winchester, Va. July 21. 1866.

Bt. Col. R. Chandler A.S.C.
Actg. Asst. Commissioner
Baltimore, Md.
Colonel

I have the honor to report the amount
of Bureau funds remaining in my
possession, week ending July 21st 1866. to be
Twenty ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ dollars (\$20. ⁵⁰/₁₀₀) and that it
is deposited in my hands -

Very Respectfully, Colonel
Your Obedt. Servant
J. H. Remington
Capt. & Bt. Maj. &c. &c.
Supt. Gen. Div.

C. B. R. & Co. Md. 1866

Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
Hd. Qrs. Shenandoah Division
Winchester, Va. July 24/66.

Remington, J. S.
Brk Maj. and Supt.

Forwards Estimate of
Funds required for
Shen. Div. for month of
July 1866.

Recd. Capt. Carr. Md. July 26 1866.

al. m. w. (R) 381-111

Bureau Refuges, Freedmen & A. L.
Headquarters Shenandoah Division
Winchester, Va. July 24th 1861.

Maj Gen Francis Pickens
Asst. Commissioner
Maryland & W. Virginia
General

I have the honor to transmit
herewith my Estimate of Funds,
(in duplicate) for the month of July -

Very Respectfully, General

Gory O. G. Frost
J. T. Remington
Capt & St. Maj. U. S. A.
Supt Shen Div.

Estimate of Funds

Estimate of Funds required for the service of the Bureau
Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, in the Shenandoah
Division during the month of July, 1866. by Brevet Maj.
J. H. Remington, U. R. C. Superintendent.

		Dolls.	cts.
	Hire of Clerks	100	00
	Hire of Messengers	15	00
	Rent of Offices	20	00
	Rent of Stable	6	00
	Total required	141	00

Capt & Brevet Maj. U. R. C.
Supt Shenandoah Div.

P. 16. P. 2. 7. 10. 12. - July 1866

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c.
Hd. Qu. Shen. Division
Winchester, Va. Aug. 17, 1866.

Remington, J. H.
Bot. Maj. and Supt.

Acknowledge receipt
of Check Nos. 9 and 10.
for Hiram Turner &
Wm. M. Buck.

Recd. Capt. Comm. Ind. Aug. 20, 1866

Bureau R, F. & A. L.
Hd Quarters Shen. Div.
Winchester Va. Aug 17/66

Capt Jacob F. Green
Disbursing Officer
Baltimore Md.

Captain:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Aug. 15/66 enclosing your checks on U.S. Depository viz:

No. 9. Hiram Turner —	\$15.00
No. 10. Wm. M. Buck —	\$5.00

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. T. Remington
Capt & B. Maj. U.S.A.
Sup. Shen. Div.

P. R. R. Receipt

Bureau R. F. Sub A. L.
Old. Ins. Shun. Division
Winchester, Va. Aug 22, 1861.

Remington, J. H.
Br. Maj. & Capt.

Acknowledges receipt
of transportation
for Mrs. Ann Smith
& three children from
Harpers Ferry Va. to
Winchester, Pa.

Recd. Capt. Carr. Br. Aug 23/61

Bureau R. & S. L.
H. & L. S. M. Div.
Winchester Va. Aug. 21/66.

Major Genl. G. F. Herndon
Assistant Commissioner
Baltimore Md.

General:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of transportation for Mrs. Ann Smith and three children from Harpers Ferry Va. to Lancaster Pa.

Very Respectfully
J. J. Remington
Capt & B. H. J. M. Div.
Sup. S. M. Div.

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Bureau Refugee, F. & A. R.
Hd. In. Shenandoah Division
Winchester, Va Aug. 23, 1866.

Bermington, J. H.
Bvt. Major and Supt.

Reports that there is no
property in possession of
the Bureau in his District
such as is described
in Sec. 12. of the late Bureau
act.

Recd. aft. Comm. Md. Aug. 24, 1866.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Hd Quarters Shenandoah Div.
Winchester Va. Aug. 22/66.

Maj: Emil F. Thumder,
Sub. Com. Md. & W. Va.
Baltimore Md.

General:-

I have the honor to report,
pursuant to your instructions of Aug. 20/66
endorsed upon letter of instructions from
the Commissioner of Aug. 17/66, that
there is no property in the possession of
the Bureau in this Division, such as
is described in Sec. 12 of the late
Bureau Act.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
D. I. Remington
Capt & B. Maj. U.S.A.
Sub. Com. Div.

Recd. Gen. R. F. Waller Aug 15, 1866

Bureau Refugee, Freedmen &c.
Hd. Am. Sher. Division
Winchester, Va. Aug. 27, 1866

Remington, J. H.
Brig. Maj. & Capt.

Enclosed copies of orders
from Genl. Schofield, Capt.
Comm. Dept. of the Potomac
directing him to forward
all reports &c. within after
the close of the present month

Recd. Capt. Comm. Md. Aug 27, 1866

Bureau R. F. & A. S.
H. L. Lins. Shun. Div.

Whickham Va. Aug 27/66.

Major Genl F. Fessenden,
Assistant Commissioner,
Baltimore Md.

General :-

I have the honor to enclose herewith
copies of orders this day received from Maj.
Genl John M. Schofield, Asst. Com. Dept. of the
Potomac, directing me to send all reports &c
to him after the close of the present
month.

My returns for the present month
I shall, as heretofore, send to you, as also
vouchers for the payment of expenses
for the present month, for which esti-
mates have already been forwarded to
your Head Quarters.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. T. Remington
Capt & Adjt. Asst. Surg. Genl.

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
Washington, August 16th/66.
Major Genl J. M. Schofield
Commanding Dept of Virginia.
General

You are hereby appointed
Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau
of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned
Lands for the District under your
command.

All officers on duty in
your Department, in connection with
the Bureau, will make to you the
usual reports required by orders.

In accordance with
instructions from the Secretary of War.

(Signed) O. O. Howard
Major Genl Commr.

Official.
(Signed) James A. Bates
A. A. A. G.

(over)

A true copy
J. F. Remington
B. H. May & Suprs.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Head Quarters Assistant Commissioner Dept of Va.
Richmond Va. August 24th 1866.

Brig. Major J. T. Remington
Superintendent 9th Dist Bureau R. F. & L.
Winchester Virginia.

Major:-

I am directed by Major Genl. Johnson U.
Schofield commanding Department of the Potomac,
to enclose an official copy of an order appointing
him Assistant Commissioner Bureau R. F. & L. for
the 9th Dist under his command.

From and after the 1st of Sept 1866
all reports heretofore made by you to the Asst.
Comm. of the State of Maryland will be made
to this office.

On the 1st day of September 1866 a
complete Roster of officers on duty in your
District with their Head Quarters and the
number of counties under their charge
will be forwarded to this office.

Very Respectfully
(over)

True Checkin's Servant
(Signed) James A. Bates
Bt Lt. Col & A. A. Guil.

A true copy
J. H. Remington
Bt Maj & Sup. N.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c.
Hd. Qu. S. Gen. Division
Wanchester, Va. Sept. 4, 1866.

Remington, J. H.
Det. Maj. and Capt.

Acknowledges receipt
of Check no. 9 in favor
of Dr. R. M. Atwood, A.
A. Surg. U. S. A. for \$149. $\frac{46}{100}$

Recd. Capt. L. C. M. D. Sept. 6, 1866

Bureau Refuges, Freedmen & Land
St. Is. Juandonah Division
Winchester, Sept 2^d 1866.

Capt Eow^d C. Knorr
Disbursing Officer
Baltimore, Md
Captain

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your communication of
1st inst. enclosing check no 9. for order of
R. N. Atwood, A. A. S. for \$149 & 6/100 -

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt

A. T. Remington
Capt & Major, U.S.A.
Supt Shen. Div.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & S. Land
Head Quarters Freedmen's Division
Wichester, Va Sept 6th 1866.

Capt. Edw. C. Knowlton
Disbursing Officer
Baltimore, Md
Captain

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your communication of 8th inst, enclosing
eight checks on U.S. Depositary at Baltimore Md, viz:

Chk	no 11	order of Arthur Sumner	\$6.00
"	12	" Wm. Danner	6.00
"	13	" Sydney P. Galt	15.00
"	14	" Herman Sumner	15.00
"	15	" Chas. Hancock	6.00
"	16	" John St. John	5.00
"	17	" Adm. J. J. Jones	97.50
"	18	" John V. Lewis	8.00
			<u>\$158.50</u>

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
J. H. Emington
Capt. & Major, A. B.
Supt. Prison. Dir.

R. M. B. H. L. K. A. G. H. L. 111.

Bureau Refugee, Freedmen &c.

Hd. Qu. 9 Dist. Dept. of the Interior

Winchester, Va. Sept. 18, 1861.

Remington, J. H.
Dist. Maj. and Capt.

Acknowledges receipt
of check No. 21, in favor
of Wm. Beck for \$5,000 for
rent of office at
Front Royal Va.

Recd. at H. Qu. Hd. Sept. 18, 1861.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Hd Quarters 9th Dist. Dept. of Potomac

Winchester Va. Sept 15th 1866.

Capt Edward C. Knowen,
Disbursing Officer,
Baltimore Md.

Captain:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your check (No. 21) on U.S. Depository at Baltimore Md. for \$5.00 in favor of Wm. W. Buck for rent of office for Sept. at Front Royal Va. for month of August 1866.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedient Servant
J. H. Remington
Capt. B. H. H. H.
Superintendent

~~War Department~~
~~Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c.~~
~~Washington, Sept. 26, 1866.~~

~~Dallock, Gen. W.~~
~~Brig. Gen. Chief D. O.~~

Recd. apt. comm. mtd. Sept. 28, 1866.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c.
Hd. Qu. 9, Dist. Dept. of the Potomac
Winchester, Va. Sept. 26, 1866

Remington, J. H.
Brig. Maj. and Supt.

Acknowledges receipt
of transportation for Jonas
Carter & Boston and for an
attendant & Boston and
return

Recd. apt. comm. mtd. Sept. 28, 1866

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & a. Laws
No. 9th Dist. Dept of the Potomac
Winchester Va. Sept 26. '1866.

Asst. Commissioner
Rev. R. J. & a. Laws
Baltimore, Md
General,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of transportation for Jonas Carter
to Boston, Mass, and for his attendant J. Bouman
to Boston Mass, and return; and also to enclose
the receipt of the Asst. Supt at Sta. R. R. S. R.,
as required by endorsement from your office dated
Sept 11. 1866.

I am, General

Very Respectfully

Yours &c &c

J. H. Remington
Capt & Maj. U. S. A.
Sept 9th District

R. 26. Pub. H. H. S. 1. 1811.

Clerk's Office Circuit Court
of Worcester Co. Md.
Snow Hill, Oct. 11, 1811.

Richardson, Geo. H.
Clerk

Reports that no murders have
been committed by or on
Freedmen in Worcester Co.

Recd. Capt. Carr. Md. Oct. 18, 1811.

Office of Clerk Cir. Court for
Worcester County,

Snow Hill, Oct. 11th/66.

To

Edward C. Knower,

Capt. U. S. C. & A. A. Genl.

Sir,

Yours bearing
date Oct. 1866 is before me. You request me to for-
ward to your Head Qrs., from the Official Records of
this Office, the number of Murders committed by
or on Freedmen in this County since the adoption of
the new State Constitution.

As such crime as that alluded to is of record in this
Office within the given period.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your obedt. Servt.

Geo. H. Richardson,

Clerk.

P. 248 P. 249 P. 250

Clerk Office
Circuit Court of
Alleghany County
Cumberland, Md., 1866.

Berley. H.
clerk Trust Co.

Report no cases of
murder committed
by or on Freedmen since
the adoption of the new
State Constitution

Recd. apt. 6000. Ind. Nov. 6, 1866.

To Edward C. Knorr
Capt. H.R. ¹⁰⁰ 1st Regt. A. Art.

Sii,

I am most happy to inform you that "since the adoption of the new State Constitution" so called, not a single "freedman" has been murdered in this beauteous region; neither do our Best Records show that any of the ^{city} "freedmen" have so far degenerated in the scale of civilization as have perpetrated any murder on their inferior Whites. Glorious Constitution. Most glorious "Bureau". Pity too that the aforesaid Bureau has no "drawers" in it for the poor unenlightened Whites. I have no hostile feeling towards it, but only waited till I saw whether you would enclose a stamp for your postage or not.

Respectfully, R. Wesley Clark

P. 32. B. R. F. & C. L. Ind. & Dec. 1867.

Center town, Kent Co. Ind.
April 3rd 1867.

Russell, John
Clerk Kent Co. Commission

Cannot furnish information relative to. Unfortunate colored people in their country.

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Recd. Sept. Comm. Ind. & Dec. April 6th 1867.

Chestertown Kent County Md

April 3^d 1867

Dear Sir

The county com^{rs} directed me to say that they would
With pleasure render you every assistance they could in
obtaining the information you desire, but having no knowledge
themselves of the particulars asked for, nor the way of obtaining
them It is therefore out of their power to comply with
your Request.

Edward C. Knower

I Lieut 45 US & A A A Genl

Respectfully yours &c,

Geo Ruppel clk

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Edith M. ...

Hilton Head S.C.
May 30th 1867

Rev. Edwin
1st Lieut. Comdg. Co. K.
40th Reg. U. S. C. I.

Transmits copy of Descriptive
List of John Southwood decd.
late of Co K "40" Reg. U. S. C. I.

Gen. A. F. & A. S.
 No. Geo. App. Comd + Sec
 Ball, June 5th 67.

Respectfully referred to, Lt.
C. M. Shriach, in charge of
Claim Div.

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Br. Col. & A. Gent,

Recd. Capt. C. W. Jones, Ind. Sec. Gen. : 7/16/77

Wm Head St.
May 30th 1867

Sir: I have the honor to forward
herewith a copy of the Descriptive
List of Sergeant John Southwood
Deceased late of this Company
and Regiment, in compliance
with request of Lieut Von Schinck
43^d Infantry dated Baltimore
Md, May 24th 1867.

Very respectfully
Your obedt Servt
Edmund R.
Lieut Col 4th Regt
Conn Co K.

Wm Head St.
Asst Commissioner
Bureau of Land & L.

Wm. R. F. & A. L.
Month of November
Wm. R. F. & A. L.

Robert John

Complains that one George
Cromwell has defrauded
him out of a year's wages
and asks redress from the
Bureau of R. F. & A. L.

Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
No. 100, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Bldg. Wm. Oct. 19, 1867

Respectfully referred to Asst. Comm.
of Va. (Cm. 100, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th, Comm. 100)

E. M. Gregory
Capt. Maj. Gen.
Asst. Comm.

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War Department,
Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
Washington, Oct. 21, 67.

Respectfully referred to
Brig. Gen. O. Brown,

Asst. Comm. of Va.

By order of
Major Gen. D. O. Howard,

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Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
Richmond, Va. Oct. 22, 1867

Respectfully referred
to Gen. S. C. Arm-
strong, Asst. in chg.
5th Sub. Dist. for
investigation and
report.

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Brig. Gen. Vol.
Asst. Comm.

if not more on the amount recovered to pay one them (13)
Process respectfully

Statement of John Robbets.

To the supervisor and of the Freedmans Beavough
Accomack Co eastern Shore of Virginia. — ~~George~~ Armstrong —

Dear Sir!

I am under the necessity of calling on you for aid and I hope
that you will think well enough of my case to render it to me. —

I am a colored man, my name is John Robbets and I live by being a Farmer.
I have no land of my own: and therefor farm or tend land on shares for
other People who has, last year 1866. I engaged with George Croswell living on
the mouth of the Pocomoke River Soling Creek, eastern Virginia, to attend to his Farm
and had my Agreement drawn up by Major French then in the Freedmans
Beavough Office in Drumontown. My employer pretended to be sick and sent
me to Drumontown after the Agreement, for which I paid one dollar, saying
that he would sign it when I came back with the Papers. — but he has
never from that day til this done so, and held all three Papers in his
possession. I went on attending to my business thinking thinking
that it would all come out right. — In the mean time he
employed me to haul timber for him by the day, at \$3 pr day. I to
furnish the team and board them, and to repair Mr Croswells timber wheels
for the use of them. — I hauled timber about 3 weeks, when Mr
Bird Constable of 5 District Accomack Co came and presented
a claim for payment. (\$15) due from me to Mr John Rose Drummond
for House rent. — I was unable to pay it unless Mr Croswell
advanced me the money either on my labor for hauling timber
or for my share of the Cato I had made with Mr Croswell
having agreed to buy 48¢ pr Bushel struck measure. I called on
him for that purpose, but was unable to get any money. — I
therefor sent the Constable Mr Bird when the scene took
place describing in that Magistrates enclosed evidence, sent also
the letter to ~~George~~ Armstrong, the contents the of is as follows. —

I do hereby certify that in the Month of July 1866. I
J. B. Bird Constable of District Accomack Co Virginia presented a
claim due from John Roberts to John Rose Drummond for
Lease Rent (sum \$15) which he could not pay. John
Roberts was at the time hauling timber for Mr. Crosswell
at \$3 per day and called at Mr. Crosswell for some money to
pay the claim with, but Mr. Crosswell refused to let
him have any. Then I loaded one John's Oats and put
them up for sale. I bid myself fifteen cents to start them
with and there was no other bid on them. Oats there being
worth about fifty cents. I concluded the Oats were mine
Mr. Crosswell then made the Objection that I could not
get the Oats out of his bin without his consent. But
I let him know that if I did not get any money for my
Bill I would see whether I could take them out or not.
then he paid my claim of \$15 out of the money due John
Roberts for hauling timber. This is a true statement. & &

Signed by his name. -

Mr. Crosswell took the Oats 155 Bushels (Machine Measure)
to Baltimore in the Schooner Queen Anne of Gilford
Capt. Jackson Taylor - By this man I can prove the
sale of the Oats and the Quantity thereof - in the fall
when my crop was hoisted my Agreement was up and
I called for a settlement but could obtain none, nor
any money from Mr. Crosswell. he took the Oats to Baltimore
and used the money to buy goods for his store. before he
came back I had obtained another home on the opposite
side of the River by Mr. C. W. Moller. - the weather being
bad I could not remove my Fodder or straw at the time

and when the wheather came good Mr. Crosswell had used them in parts and refused to let me have the Ballance. I felt aggrieved over my loss as it left me destitute of provender for my cattle and money for myself and Family. - Now to screen himself from the Law Mr. Crosswell in January 1867 brought a false account against me on which he obtained judgment, one of the Bills (a forgery) from Mr. White & Grinnel for \$12 for trashing out the Oats in question, this Bill he has not paid and has no authority from Mr. White to collect it nor has he paid it to Mr. White. -

Now I have no Money to pay of this judgment with and my crops will be ceased and then again I will be left destitute for another year and without a chance of recovering one dollar as all the Property Mr. Crosswell controls belongs to his Wife -

My Account with Mr. Crosswell stands thus
 Mr. George Crosswell to John Robert D. -

| | | |
|---|-------|-----------|
| | | \$ - 00 - |
| to 155 Bushels Oats (Machine Measure) | 48 - | 74 - 40 - |
| " 26 Day' hauling timber | 83 - | 78 - 00 - |
| " 3 Stacks Corn Tadder | 5 - | 15 - 00 - |
| " 1 D Oats Straw - | | 2 - 50 - |
| " 4 Head Hogs - | 5 - | 20 - 00 - |
| " 4 1/2 ploughing not included in Cont ⁿ | 75 - | 2 - 38 - |
| Total | 192 - | 28 - |
| Cr & Cash - | 15 - | 00 - |

From the above description which I have given as clear as I could I hope Sir you will see my situation, and

and render me that Assistance in your Power to
protect me which I stand very much in need of -

In regard to expenses I am not acquainted
with the case but am willing to pay one third ($\frac{1}{3}$)
if not more on the amount recovered. -

Yours respectfully

War Department,
Bureau of P. & A. L.
Washington, Oct. 21st 67.

Respectfully referred to

Gen. A. B. C. Brown.

Res. Comptroller of the P.

By order of

Major Gen. D. D. Howard.

Col. J. M. Wilkey.

A. C. S. S. S. S.

Hd Qrs. Chestboro, Dist. D.

Bureau of R. F. & A. L.

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On Demand of John Roberts bind mi
self mi heirs Executors and adm to pay to
Victory Barker to his heirs or assigns the sum
of Ten Dollars current money of the new united
States with interest from date this 17th day of

June 1865

Test

John Q Gaskins

John^{sr} Roberts
mard

Victory Barker March the 19th day 1867 Judgement in
favour of the plaintiff after trial
for \$11.03² debt with interest from

John Roberts for date until paid and \$1.45 et cost
Execution issued August 7th directed to Wm D Lankford
Constable Returnable Sept 16th day 1867

Test Smith Lankford J.P.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

Somerset County, to wit:

I, LEVIN WOOLFORD, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset County aforesaid, hereby certify, that

Smith Lankford Esquire, before whom the above judgment

appears to have been made, and whose name appears thereto signed, was at the time the same

bears date, one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Somerset County

aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn that his signature thereto is genuine

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the said Circuit Court this 23rd

day of November A. D., 1867

Levin Woolford



1866 John Roberts negro
To Alfred P White Sr
October To Threshing 325 Bushels at 4¢ 12.80

Alfred P White } March The 19th day 1867 Judgment
} in favor of the plaintiff after trial
} for \$1285 ct debt with interest from
} John Roberts, from date untill paid, and \$130 ct cost
Execution issued August 17th day directed to Wm D. Lankford
Constable returnable Sept 16th 1867
Test Smith Lankford J.P.

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John Robert (Negro)

To George E. Crosswell Sr.

1866

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| January | 8 th | To Cash | 50 |
| Febry | 13 th | .. order on S Corbin | 1.00 |
| March | 10 th | .. Cash | .80 |
| | 19 th | .. 1 pt Whiskey for Jas. | .40 |
| April | | .. Fish at different times | 1.20 |
| | 3 rd | .. Order on S Corbin | 3.00 |
| | 28 th | Do | 1.00 |
| May | 2 nd | .. 3/4 Bushel Seed corn | .75 |
| | 1 | .. 1 pt Whiskey of R.S. | .40 |
| | | .. 5 Large Stacks Fodder @ 5. | 25.00 |
| July | 6 th | .. Order on R. R. Stant. | 3.00 |
| | | .. 1 pt Whiskey & Cash | .45 |
| Octr | 18 th | .. Order on R. R. Stant | .50 |
| | 21 st | Do | 2.50 |
| | 22 nd | .. Cash pd R. M. Byrd. | 10.00 |
| | 29 th | .. Order on R. R. Stant | 2.00 |
| Nov | 14 th | .. Cash | 5.00 |
| | 15 th | .. Do pd. R. M. Byrd | 13.00 |
| | | .. 1 Stone for (Large) | .50 |
| | | .. 1/2 Bushel Meal at different times | .50 |
| Dec | | .. Whiskey | 2.0 |
| | | .. 1 Net Jacket | 2.00 |
| | | .. 1 Jug | .15 |
| | | .. 1 Quart Whiskey | .65 |
| | | .. 1/2 Bushel Salt @ 1.00 | .50 |
| | | .. Sundry Goods | 1.50 |
| | | .. 1 Hat | 1.00 |
| | | Amount Over | \$79.30 |

Amount brought over \$ 79.50
 To 2 Bbls Corn \$5.00 10.00
 .. Cutting Briars & Bushes 10.00
 .. Filling pound 3.00
 .. Use of oven 15 days & 75- 11.25-
 \$ 115.75-

Credit
 1866 By 2 Hogs & \$5- \$ 10.00
 .. 2 do & 3- 10.00
 Dec .. Sales of Cato 31.60
 .. Sawling Timber 36.15-
 .. 3 Small Stacks Fodder? 13.00

Balance due \$ 102.75-
 \$ 13.00
 George E. Crowell - March the 19th day 1867 Judge-
 ment in favour of plaintiff after
 Vs Trial for \$13.00 debt with interest
 John Roberts for from date till paid and \$2.05-
 cost execution issued August the 17th day direc-
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Levin Woolford



We the undersigned certify that we are neighbors
to G. L. Brownell and have known him for many
years and believe the statement which he has
between himself and John Smith to be true
and we know that the said John Smith is a
thief and a liar and is a bad man
and we think if Mr. Brownell could have
damages to the amount of \$1500 he would not
be well off as he was when the said John
Smith had as he neglected his corn and
did not make more than 1/3 of a crop he also
to our knowledge must starve his horses and
his horses were injured at last to the extent
we have never heard of before trying to be
any more than or less.

1867 Nov 27th

A. Lewis
William T. Brown

The above sworn to before me

S. J. Marshall J. P.

Holder's Creek

Accomack Co. Va., November 25th 1864

Major Gen. P. Sherwood
Quantico Town

Va

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will please find the signatures of the Magistrate who gave judgment in the case between Mr. Roberts and myself, also the certificates of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset County with Seal of S.^d Court &c. You will find three claims, my claim being a balance due of 13⁴/₈, one in Victoria Bastien of \$11.05, also one of \$12.80 due Alfred P. White. Mr. A. P. White is a merchant at this time selling goods at a place called Mason Mill on the bay side road, about five miles up wards, from Quantico town, and he is ready at any time, to take oath that he authorized me to collect by law, his claims from John Roberts. Mr. White is fifteen miles from this place, or I would get his certificate to the above.

The charge which Mr. Roberts has against me is false. I ought to have sued him for damages, but it would have been useless as he sold his property immediately after leaving my farm, whilst I was in Baltimore.

This man John Roberts engaged with me last year 1863 to attend to my farm on shares, ~~xxx~~ our agreement was as follows, I found hoes, ~~xxx~~ even, farming implements &c. and the S.^d Mr. Roberts agreed to board himself, his hands and team and cultivate the farm on shares by ~~my~~ giving him

One half of all the produce he made on the said place, he also bargained to tend the land in farming like order, and leave the said place in as good order as he found it, but he did not half cultivate the land, cut no bushes nor briars, failed in filling the pound, made no fence nor done nothing toward repairing it, and in fact left the farm in very bad order. I with my family occupied the dwelling and I reserved garden, potatoes, peaches &c. but could not control the negro nor make him do any better, and we were all truly glad when the year ended. As to the agreement which he speaks of in his report, it is very true that I did not sign it. At the time he had the agreement drawn up by Major French, he was on trial at Drummondton, for stealing some hogs from one of my neighbours, and I knew nothing of the agreement until he brot it to me, and as I did not like it I did not sign it. It was drawn according to his own notion, and as I was living on the farm which he was cultivating, I did not feel disposed to be under his control, or subject to him by signing an agreement which stated that he should have possession of the farm and deliver the same to me at the end of the year, which I supposed included the dwelling which I and my family were occupying. I suppose Major French did not know that I lived on the premises. You will find from the statement that I am not in his debt, for oats nor fodder, he fell in my debt for 3 Bbls Corn, the

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Straw was of no consequence, as it nearly all rotted
for want of stacking. Straw is not allowed to be re-
moved off the premises by tenants.

He hauled timber for me, but we did not make
any bargain how he was to be paid, if he had have
hauled by the day I should have been willing
to have paid him by the day, but some
days he would haul one log, some days
two, some days three &c. He did not haul
the first whole day, but hauled the smallest
or tops of the trees at different times to suit
his own convenience. And there was no other
way to settle for his hauling but by measuring
the timber, which he helped me to do, and
settling by the hundred, which I done, and
he was allowed customary price for his
hauling. It is false in regard to bounding and
finding team. I made no such bargain.

Blk Byrd Capt. Attached his Oats in the
Straw whilst they were stacked and I did
not buy them. I Carried his share of the Oats
to Baltimore, with the mill and others after
advancing money to the Court. And I Credited
him with the full amt. after deducting expenses.
There were about fifteen hundred bushels of Oats on freight
and Mr. Roberts read the same that ~~that~~ the other
freighters read there was no bargain about the
Oats, and Jackson Taylor was not Capt of the
Scho which Carried the Oats to Baltimore, as
was by the name of Thos Lewis living near
Owensboro was Capt of the Scho. & he will
testify at any moment that the Oats were
not bought at 48 cts nor in other price.

It is also false in regard to calling on me for a settlement for he left in my absence whilst I was in Bath and carried away more than belonged to him. He was stealing from me, and robbing me the whole time he was on my land, but I could not get clear of the thief until the end of the year. He even called on me for Hadden or straw for the reason he was in my debt. I had a black woman hired in my family who this negro John Roberts took for his wife and when he worked for me in my truck patches I let his wife work as many more days on the farm for him.

Very Respectfully
Geo. E. Crosswell

14 (330 Bush Oats, Whole Crop
165

Geo. Roberts Cr By Oats 165 Bush

1866 March 10 Seed Oats lent 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ Bush

one peck in the bushel which is Customary for lending seed oats) 82

Clear of freight freight measurement 83

Consumption, weighing, lossage in weight &c. 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. Bush

37.60 Cr for Oats 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12
28.64 28.64

\$2.96 Error out of my favor

12 (13 Very Small Stacks of Hadden and about one half damaged)

6 Mrs. Shaw

3 Stacks used by himself, error out of my favor again of two stacks of Hadden. You will find high Cr with 5 stacks the Hadden which I lent was a poor article

12050 ft Timber hauled @ 3.00 p. M. \$36.15

This Timber was measured in the round log and when sawed fell short about one third, therefore you will see I over paid him also for hauling

You will find that Whites bill was for trucking 320 bush. Mrs Roberts contended that they would over run in measure by machine measure and as the Capt. the Geo was in a hurry and did not wish to measure them I took them for 330 bushels

BUREAU R. F. AND A. L.
HEAD QUARTERS, 5th SUB-DISTRICT, VA.
 Fort Monroe, Va. *October 24, 1867.*

Respectfully referred to Lieut.
 G. P. Sherwood, A. S. A. Com.
 for investigation and report.

Mark D. Reed
 Lieut. A. S. A. Com.
 In charge of Office.

In Enclosure.

Was Department
 Bureau R. F. & A. L.
 Washington Dec. 7, '67.

Respectfully returned to Gen. E. M. Gregory,
 Asst. Com. of Maryland, whose at-
 tention is invited to the endorsement
 of Lt. Sherwood. Union

By order of
 Gen. O. O. Howard, Com.

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C. J. Matthews
 3rd Lt. A. A. General

Bureau of R. F. and A. L.
H'd Qr 7th 5th Sub-Dist
Recommendation Re Mar 29/67

Respectfully returned to
 J. C. Armstrong, 1st 5th Sub-
 Dist Va with the request
 that from the statement
 of Mr. J. E. Crosswell
 and the certificate of Smith
 Lankford a justice of the
 Peace for the County of
 Somerset, State of
 Maryland and A. Lewis
 and William T. Blossom
 that John Roberts is
 indebted to Mr. J. E.
 Crosswell instead of
 Crosswell being indebted
 to Roberts

J. C. P. Sherman

Lieut. 42nd Inf

Asst Sub Asst Com

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BUREAU R. F. AND A. L.
HEAD QUARTERS, 5th SUB-DISTRICT, VA.
 Fort Monroe, Va. *December 24, 1867*

Respectfully returned to
 the Asst. Commissioner, Va.
 inviting attention to in-
 dovement of Lieut. G. P.
 Sherwood. A. S. A. Com.

J. C. Armstrong
 Agent in Charge
 5th Sub-Dist. Va.

H'd Qr Asst Com. Dist. of Va.
 Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
 Richmond, Va. Dec. 4, 1867

Respectfully re-
 turned to Maj. Gen.
 O. O. Howard, Com.
 inviting attention to
 endorsement of Lt. Gen.
 P. Sherwood, A. S. A. Com.

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Asst Com

R. S. M. & A. L. 1868

Wilmington Del,

January 16th 1868

Reuben J. M.

Notes in reference to the infir-
mity of the Appurtenant ships and
of Delaware.

Answered Jan. 23rd 68

Ed. 271. No 17-

Copies of these & others
sent Jan. 21st 68

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Trapper to 2, in enclosure

Recd. Apt. Mgm. Post Dec, Jan. 17th 1868

Office of Delaware Association
for Col People ~~Elmwood & Williamstown. Rail Road Co.~~

Wilmington ~~Philadelphia~~ ^{Office 308 Walnut Street,} Aug. 1868

Major General Ingry

My dear Sir

I enclose a letter which explains
itself — By the laws of Delaware I
learn that no Cognizance can be taken, by
any Court of appeal, of facts or circum-
stances prior to the act of apprenticeship
by the Magistrate — No matter how
unjust or cruel the method by which the
child was forced, or ensnared, into the
articles of apprenticeship — the signature
of the Magistrate to those articles binds
the child beyond power of law to inter-
fere in Delaware; save for acts com-
mitted subsequent to indenture — during
apprenticeship such as cruelty or neglect;
but no Enquiry even is permitted, I am
advised, as to the modes or means of
binding the child.

The result is, I am informed, that most
flagrant acts of oppression & wrong
are committed, difficulties stirred up
sometimes by bad men, and then
the children dragged off as vagrants &
apprenticed, as it is called, by a mag-
istrate, beyond hope of relief or rescue,
till they are 21 years of age.

Now I know nothing of this case
of Henry Morris or those of his neigh-
bors. But I earnestly beg you
to take immediate steps to ex-
amine & adjust them. — The civil
rights bill will rectify the matter.

Would not Mr Howard arrange
a thorough overhauling of this whole
apprenticeship system in Delaware?
It has some of the worst features of
slavery, without its relieving accompaniments.

Very truly Yours
Please reply at once M. M. Beebe

L.R. - R-2 - M-1 - G-1 - A.C. M. 4 + C. L. Balb. 1868

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen &c.

Washington D.C.

Sept. 15th 1868

Dear Sir,

Ag't. in charge of Claim Service,

Acknowledges receipt of papers
in the claim for bounty &c. of

Alexander Krumm "B" 7th - R-2

Chas. H. Roberts "B" 7th - R-2

Wm. Conway - Cf. R. S. Gallagher &c.

Also papers in the claim for bounty of

John Carter "B" 7th - C-1

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Rec'd Office L. A. C. B. R. 4 + C. L. Balb. Sept. 16/68

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Sept 15, 1868.

Wm. E. Drew

Agent in Charge

Capt.

Baltimore Md

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for a license &c in the case of the following-named men soldiers:

Alexander Russell, B. Co. 7, Regt. U. S. C.

Chas. H. Roberts B. Co. 7 " " " "

Wm. Murray Landman U. S. R. S. "Alleghany."

also papers in claim for pension of John Carter, Pvt Co. 13. 7. W. S. C.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

William E. Drew.

Agent in chg. Div.

10-10-1868
Harrison St. & 10th Ave

Washington D.C.

Nov. 16th 1868

Dear Mr. P.

Capt. in charge Claim Div'n,

Enclosed letter & circular from
Pension Office calling for addi-
tional evidence in the claim
for pension of Sophia Robin-
son.

Adm't. P. V. Addicks is sup-
posed to be Balth. Pm. If
not found in a reasonable
time, this letter & papers
to be returned.

7/1/69 evidence sent
to St. Louis.

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Pres. Office, U. S. Gen. Nov. 18th 68

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., ~~November 16th~~, 1868.

Br. Capt. Fred C. von Schirach, U. S. A.
Sub. Asst. Commr Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Baltimore, Md.

Captain: I am directed to enclose herewith letter
and circular from Pension Office calling for
additional evidence in the claim for pension of
Sophia Robinson, widow of Perry Robinson.

Claimant's post-office address is supposed to
be "Baltimore, Md." If she is not found with-
in a reasonable time, please return the papers
to this office, accompanied by this letter.

Very respectfully,

your obedient servant
William R. Drew,
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Chief of Claim Division

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Bureau of 78 O. Lands

Washington D.C.

Nov. 18th 1868

Dear Sir,

Act. in charge Claim Div.

Enclosed dis'charge of Wab.
Richardson, late Co. H. 39th
Inf. C.S. to gether with letter
from 3rd Auditor of the
Treasury reporting advance
on his claim for bounty.
Receipt of same to be
acknowledged

Enc. on sub. receipt of same
Information sent to
Comptroller requesting
him to forward the discharge
to this office Nov. 21st 1868
Rec. Office S. A. C. Dec 5th 1868

Jan'y 5/69 no answer
from claimant
discharge in State bank

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., November 18th, 1868.

Sgt. Capt. E. C. Knower, U. S. A.
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. Lands
Baltimore, Md.

Captain:

I am directed to enclose herewith, for delivery to him, the discharge of Noah Richardson, late Priv. Co. H '39th U. S. C. T. together with letter from the Second Auditor of the Treasury, reporting adversely on his claim for bounty, &c.

Claim forwarded by the late Asst. Commr of the Bureau at Baltimore, Md. The records of this office show the P. O. address of claimant to be: "Queenstown, Md."

Please acknowledge receipt of discharge at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

your obedient servant

William P. New.

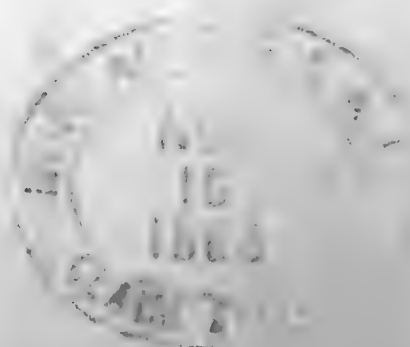
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Chief of Claim Division

S. S. 2202

Noah Richardson

H 39



[Form No. 37.]

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

Nov 14, 1866

Sir:

The claim for Bounty of Noah Richardson
Co. K, 39 Regiment U. S. C. T., is disallowed,
and his certificate of discharge herewith returned.

The records of this Office show that he was paid all arrears,
by Treas let 421988—
and \$100 Bounty, Act July 28, 1866, all he is entitled to, as
he is borne upon the Rolls as "not free," &c.

Respectfully,

E. B. Rusk

Auditor.

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Maj Wm Fowler

Present

Pension claim -
Camundia Chase

U.S. Sanitary Commission
War & Navy Claim Agency
Washington D.C.
June 11 1864

W. H. Barcom
Agent

Regarding proof of
Death in the case
of Saml Chase

39th U.S.C.

Proof of death

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Aug 31. 1864

Died of disease
where not stated

U. S. Sanitary Commission

ARMY AND NAVY CLAIM AGENCY, 242 F STREET,

Washington, D. C. June 11th 1864

Sir In the Pension Claim of Carandina
Chase, as Widow of Samuel P. Chase, late
a private Co. "E" 139th U.S.C.T. Post Office
address 93 Watson St. Baltimore Md. The
Pension Office requires proof of death of
Soldier in accordance with the enclosed
Circular of instructions With the evidence
required please return this letter.

Respectfully yours.

W. F. Rescues.
General Agent

At May Kent. Geo. J. Stannard
asst Commr. Freedmans Bureau
Baltimore Md

W. F.
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U. S. San Commission
Washington, D.C. June 22, 1866.

Barcom, Wm H.
Asst. Agent.

Widow's claims for
Arrear of Pay and Bounty
on acct of John W.
Dudley Co. B. 39, U.S.C.
is suspended for date
of Soldier's death.

Q. C. McNov. (S) 408-10.

U. S. Sanitary Commission

ARMY AND NAVY CLAIM AGENCY, 242 F STREET,

Washington, D. C. June 22^d 1866

Sir:

The widow claim for arrears of pay and bounty on account of John W. Sudder Co. B. 39th U.S. Inf. has been suspended by the S. Auditor for the date of the soldiers death.

With evidence called for, please return this letter.

Genl. George J. Stannard
Asst. Comdr. Freedmens Bureau
Baltimore Md.

Respectfully Yours

W. F. Byrnes
Sul. Agt.

Yours

Chamant Mrs. Harriet Sudder
138 Spring St
Baltimore Md.

AL. M. No. (S) 408-12

U. S. Sanitary Commission

ARMY AND NAVY CLAIM AGENCY, 242 F STREET,

Washington, D. C.

July 16th 1866

Sir.

Herewith find Pension Office
order for medical examination of William
Y Edwards. late private Corporal Co "D" 4 U.S.C.
Troops. Post office address N. 30 Elbow
Lane Balto. Md.

Please notify this office
when examination has taken place.

Respectfully Yours

W. F. Bascom.

Gen. Agent

St. Maj. Gen. G. J. Steward
Asst. Com. Freedmen Bureau
Balto Md

(Sth) 3144) (982)

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U. S. Sanitary Commission
242 F Street
Washington D. C.
August 4 - 1866

Barcom W. F.
General Agent

Returning affidavit of
Louisa J. Brown, as
Widow of James Brown
"I" 19. U. S. S. T. for
Correction.

Louisa J. Brown
No. 7 Queller
Capt
Battery

Ab. Br. No. 18/410-16

U. S. Sanitary Commission

ARMY AND NAVY CLAIM AGENCY, 242 F STREET,

Washington, D. C. Aug 4th 1866.

Sir:

The Affidavits filed in the case of
Louisa S. Brown. as widow of James. late
a private Co. D 19th U.S.C. is herewith
returned for correction. The witnesses must
swear they have no interest in the appli-
cation. Their Credibility must be certified.
And, if they sign by mark, their signatures
must be duly witnessed. The person ad-
ministering the oath must certify that he
is disinterested, and that the affiants,
if they sign by mark, knew the contents
of the paper or papers before or signing.
And his signature as Official Character
must be duly authenticated under the
seal of a Court of record. With the
Affidavits when corrected please return
this letter. (Cts. P.O. is No. 4 Rollson Court Balt^{md})

At Maj. Genl. Geo. J. Starnard.

Respectfully yours

W. F. Bascom.

Asst. Com. Freedmen Bureau
Baltimore Md.

General Agent.

S. 17. B. R. R. R. L. 1866

U. S. San. Commission
Washington, D.C. Aug. 7/66
(JAS. DOWNS "A" 30th)

Barcom, Wm. F.
Ment. Agent

In Pension Claim of
Rachel Downs, proof
is required of Soldier's
death and the circumstan-
ces attending it.
Widow of James Downs
Co. A. 30th

Mrs. Rachel Downs,
No. 47. Diamond Alley.

Recd. aft. Comm. ind. July 7/66

No. 22.

U. S. Sanitary Commission

ARMY AND NAVY CLAIM AGENCY, 242 F STREET,

Washington, D. C. Aug 7 1866

Sir

In the pension claim of
the Pension Bureau reports that—

Rachel Downs

“The cause and date of the soldier's death must be more fully established, in accordance with the following instructions:

“1st. If the death resulted from *wounds or other injury*, the nature of such injury, and the particular circumstances under which it was received, with the date, should be fully shown by the certificate of some commissioned officer in actual service, or by his affidavit if he be out of service, he being careful to state the source of his information. But if the soldier died of *disease*, *medical* testimony as to its nature and origin must, if possible, be furnished; and if the disease was of such a character that it might have existed prior to enlistment, or have been induced or aggravated by the personal habits of the soldier, the evidence showing whether such was the case should be full and definite. The statements of *civil* surgeons and physicians must be verified by oath, their professional standing being certified.

“2d. If it be shown that the testimony above referred to cannot be obtained, the facts may be proved by the affidavits of other credible persons having the requisite knowledge, and stating their means of information.

“3d. If the soldier died away from his regiment, (unless discharged or in hospital,) his furlough, or other official paper showing cause for such absence, must be furnished; and also proof as to his physical condition from the time of leaving the regiment to the date of death.

“4th. In all cases deponents should state as to their interest in the claim, and their credibility should be duly certified. The person administering the oath must certify as to his interest, and his signature and official character must be duly authenticated under the seal of a court of record.”

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM F. BASCOM,

General Agent.

Wm. Gen. Francis Fremden
Asst Com Bureau of Refugees & Freedmen
Baltimore Md.

U. S. Sanitary Commission

ARMY AND NAVY CLAIM AGENCY, 242 F STREET.

Washington, D. C. Nov 8th 1866.

Madam:

For your claim for pension as widow of James Downs, Late Corporal Co "A" 30th U.S.B.T. you should furnish, if possible, the testimony of persons who served in the same company and regiment with your husband stating when, where, and under what circumstances the disease which caused your husband's death was contracted, stating also the hardships and exposure to which he was subjected in the service. The credibility of the witnesses called to testify in regard to this matter should be certified, they should testify that they have no interest in your claim. The magistrate before whom the evidence may be taken should certify that he has no interest in your claim, and his official character and signature should be authenticated under the seal of a court of record.

Respectfully, yours

W. F. Bascom

Gen. Agt.

Mrs Rachel Downs

No. 47 Diamond Alley

Baltimore

Md.

S. 71 Bu. R. F. K. C. Sept. 1866.

U. S. San. Commission
Army & Navy Claim Agency
Washington, Aug. 28, 1866.

Pascom, H. F.
Suff. Agent.

States that there still
remains a discrepancy
in the claim of Joseph
Johnson for pay &c.
and desires that a new
application be made out.
Enclose a form to be filled.
Written of James Johnston Co. B. 4th 1867

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Recd. apt. Comm. Ind. Aug. 28, 1866.

Brother and Sister of
Pascom the 2nd Auditor.
for information how this
case stands. -

Letter written as
above. Jan 5th 1867
cert.

U. S. Sanitary Commission

ARMY AND NAVY CLAIM AGENCY, 242 F. STREET,

Washington, D. C. August 23^d 1866

Sir:

In the claim of Joseph Johnson for pay &c. as the brother of James Johnson, of Co. B. 4th C. T. Vol. Decd. Jan. 18th 1865.

The Second Auditor says: "There still remains a discrepancy in this claim, which was overlooked when it was pronounced correct. This Office desires a new application in which the claimants who are under age must apply by a duly appointed guardian. The affidavit of two witnesses who are well acquainted with the history of the family is desired, stating the names and ages of all the claimants, and whether deceased left any other brother or sister. The witnesses must be amply qualified to testify from personal knowledge and long acquaintance and not from information derived from others." Please return enclosed blank properly executed and the required affidavit, with this letter.

Respectfully, yours.

W. B. Bacon

Gen. Agt.

Jacob F. Clum
Capt & A. A. A. G.
Bureau of R. F. &c.
Baltimore Md.

J. F. Clum

Sept. 12. R. F. & A. L. Ind. 1866.

U. S. Sanitary Commission
Washington, D.C. Sept. 12, 1866.

Barcom G. M. F.
Genl. Agent

States that in Union claim
of Mrs. Wilhelmina Payne,
letter has been rec^d & will sol-
diers full exam^{and} P. O. Address
and will be examined.

Recd. apt. Comm. Ind. Sept. 14, 1866.

No. 6.

U. S. Sanitary Commission

ARMY AND NAVY CLAIM AGENCY,

242 F STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C.

The

for
Letter from Claimant, as
to full name of Soldier & Co. P.O.
in the Pension claim of Williamina
Payne, widow of George H. Payne 1st Co.
which you forwarded to this office, under date of Sept. 10th 1866,
received, and will be examined, and, if found correct, filed in the proper
Governmental Department.

Owing to the great pressure of business in all the departments, a very considerable delay in the adjustment of claims is frequently unavoidable. This is especially true in case of arrears of pay and bounty on account of deceased soldiers. Your claim will receive all necessary attention; and, if anything further is required to sustain it, you will be duly notified.

Letters of inquiry, in regard to the state of your claim, will be duly answered. To insure a prompt reply, every letter should give the full name and post-office address of claimant, the name, company and regiment, with date of discharge or death, of the soldier, the nature of the claim, and, if possible, the date at which it was sent to this office.

In case of removal from your present residence, please notify this office promptly, that your correct address may be known whenever we wish to communicate with you.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. BASCOM, General Agent.

Capt. Jacob F. Chubb
Asst. Com
U.S. A.
Baltimore Md.

Sept. 12th 1866
5th Regt.

S. 28. Dec. R. L. and A. L. M. 1. 1866.

U. S. Sanitary Commission
Washington, Sept. 18, 1866.

Bascom, Gen. H.
Genl. Agent.

Wishes to know if the Capt.
Comm. Ind. will cooperate
with his office in the
prosecution of claims
of Colored soldiers in
Baltimore, for Pension,
Arrears of Pay, Bounties &c.

Recd. Capt. Comm. Ind. Sept. 17, 1866.

U. S. Sanitary Commission

ARMY AND NAVY CLAIM AGENCY, 242 F STREET.

Washington, D. C. Sept. 15. 1866

Sir,

On the settlement of claims of Colored Soldiers Resident in Baltimore, for Pension, Arrears of Pay, Bounty &c, I am constantly in doubt to whom to refer them for advice and assistance, as to evidence in the case; and the object of this letter is to inquire if you are willing to cooperate with this Office in the prosecution of claims of Colored Soldiers in your district.

I have reason to believe that imposition has been practiced on the staff of claimants, and if agreeable to you, would be happy to forward to your Office all Pension & Treasury Certificates received by the several departments in settlement of claims of Colored Soldiers Resident in Baltimore.

Respectfully Yours

W. L. Dorem

Sub Agt

J. L. Barker

Act & Asst. Commissioner

Bureau F. B. & A. S.

Baltimore

Md.

L. 39, B. R. 4, Vol. 1, Ind. 1866.

Cambridge, Ind.
Oct. 15, 1866.

Stinner, Levin

Replies to letter of 12th,
int. relative to a colored
boy bound to him and states
that he was bound by the
Orphan Court, at the re-
quest of his mother.

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Recd. aft. Comm. No. C. Oct. 17, 1866.

Cambridge October 13th 1866.
Genl. Elm. Sigourney

Dear Sir

I have just received Mr. W. W. Wright's letter of the 12th Inst. professing to be written at your instance demanding the surrender of a negro Boy now in my possession to his mother.

I beg leave respectfully to state that this boy was bound to me by solicitation of the mother, who went in person to the orphan Court and requested the boy to be bound, in my absence, the Boy & mother both being free. The age of the Boy being 6 years in August 1858, and was bound in Nov. 1858. From which facts you will perceive that he was legally bound and my young. and I

have been at a considerable
expense in raising the Child ^{up}
~~to the time~~ before he could be of
any use to me.

Under these Circumstances
I am informed that I have
a legal title, being bound under
the laws of Maryland which
have been here repeated, and
I shall keep the Boy until
he is legally taken from me,
Very Respectfully

Levin Skinner

S. 39. B. R. & Co. L. Md. & Del. 1867.

Hagerstown, Washington
Co. Md. March 28 1867.

Smith, Jas. L.

Clerk & Co. Comfr.

State that he cannot furnish
the information requested in
regard to "Unfortunate" colored
people in his country

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Recd. Aft. Comm. Md. & Del. April 1. 1867.

County Commissioners Office

Kagartau Mich 28th 1867

Dear Sir

Your communication of the 23rd ~~1867~~
last asking information relative to the
numbers of unfortunate colored people of
this County.

I now respectfully state
that there is no record in this office by
which the information you seek can be
furnished & in no other office in this County
the information can only be arrived at by
censusing the County.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.
J. S. Smith Clerk
To Co Commrs

Princes Ann, Somerset Co. Ind.

Stewart, William

Regrets that he cannot fur-
 nish reliable information
 relative to
 among the "unfortunate"
 colored people in his County.
 Thinks there cannot be
 more than twenty.

Recd. aft. Comm. Dr. in Del. April 1 '86

Princip Anno March 29th

Gen. E. W. Gregory Asst. Commissioner
Dear Sir

Your letter of inquiry concerning
the Colored People of the County
is just received and I hasten
to reply. I am sorry to say that
I am unable to furnish you
with any reliable information
on the subject, and I am sure
that it can not be had unless
from the last 'Census report'.

As far as I have any knowledge
the class to which you refer is
small. The only institution in
the County for their benefit is the
County Alms House which is open
and free to all. The number there
will not exceed twenty I think at

present. I am sorry that it is
not in my power to give you the
information sought. I am willing
to aid you in any way in my power

Yours &
William Stewart

Wm. to Hunter Co. Adams House

S. H. D. R. Y. A. L. M. A. 1867.

Frederick Co Md
Libertytown Ind.
April 1st 1867.

Dear Sir,

Will furnish information
in regard to "unfortunate"
Colored people as soon
as possible.

Recd. aft. Comm. Ind. 1867.

Liberty Town N. H.

Apr 1st 1867

Dr. Edward B. Knower

Sir, your favour of March
27th is recd. and I will cheerfully
comply with your request, as
far as in my power, as soon
as I can collect the necessary
information.

I feel a deep interest
in the colored population of
our state and will cheerfully
aid the Bureau in its benevolent
purposes; but at the same time
I think it might be well, if some
one could be employed to see
to the condition of that class
in each of our counties, so
that a more efficient super-
vision could be had -

Command me: if at any
time I can aid you
Very Respectfully

Joshua

Sgt. B. R. Hall - Discharged

Baltimore Md.
April 9th 1857.

Stockbridge Henry
Attorney at Law.

Writes that he has requested
his friend Richard L. Turner
of Kent Co. Md. to call and
state some facts of the rebel
rule in that country.

Receipt Comm. Ind. ²/₄ Del. April 12 1867.

LAW OFFICE OF HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,
No. 36 Lexington Street, (18 Law Buildings,)

Baltimore, 9th April 1867

Gen. Gregory.

Dear Sir,

I have requested my friend Richard T. Turner of Kent Co. to call on you & state to you some facts of the rebel rule in that County.

He is a gentleman on whose statements you can implicitly rely - & who has had rare experience & opportunities for observation.

Very Respy, &c.

H. Stockbridge

P.O. address Still pond Kent Co

W. H. & A. L. M.

Reg. Elk Ind,
April - 29 - 1867

David Scott.

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Shirley Comm. Ind + Sec, May 2 67

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Elk Ind,
April - 29/1867

David Scott.

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Big Elk April 29th 1867
Col. W. H. Wiegand U. S. General
Dear Sir

Yours of the 18th inst
is to hand, and I doubt not
you will be surprised and grat-
ified to learn that there is not
among the coloured people of this
district a single case of any
of the maladies which you name.
This may be owing in part to the
unusual healthiness of the country
but more I presume to the sparsity
of that class of persons; there is
no section of all the border States
wherein the negro forms so small
a proportion of the population.
I have not the Census report at
hand but I feel certain that there
are not partly coloured persons
of ^{both} ~~the~~ ^{all} sexes and ages in this District

Wm. Wiegand, U. S. Army, 1867.

It may not be amiss in this
connection to add that they
are quiet and inoffensive and
generally industrious and thrifty
some of them owning considerable
property in fact I do not know
among them a single case of
destitution.

Hoping the above may be satis-
factory I remain

Respectfully Yours &c.
David Scott

To M. H. Wiesel
Col. & A. A. General

Wm. A. L. & Co. Thos. & Co.

Wilmington Del.

May 16th 1867

Scott Lard, B.

Transcribing list
of "Unfortunates"

See App. Comm. Ind. & S. May 7th

April 12 Crossroads descent-

- 67 Joseph Hackett Bowled together with
Harris age 90
Watson Horrears child fifty fid age 9 years
Elisha Ridout - past labor age 75-
Patience ^{with} slave until the emancipation
Just ready for the alms house age 75-
Mary Ridout - past labor age 65-
John Parker coldful age 58
Lyons Mitchell past labor age 70
George Whit - a child never with age 5-
Betty Mitchell entirely helpless age 65-
Nehy Corriest past labor age 70-
Mary Kier past labor age 71 ~~70~~
Mary Hughes past labor age 71

5. 9-90. ²75. ²65. ²70. ²71
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Wilmington May 16th / 67
to Head quarters Assistant
Commissioner

Sir in compliance
with a Request Received
from Head quarters A.
few days since I have
collected the Names
Slaves in Recorded Wick
I Submit to your
Honor

Rev B. Scott
No 923 French
St Wilmington
Del

Page 74

June 10th 1867

Savage's

States that the Grandchild
of Fanny Guggard
& legally bound to him and
refuses to give them up.

Entered on page
78, Complaint
Division

Recd. Act. Comm. 25 Dec. 24/67

June 10 1867
Mrs Gregory & Hegel
Dear Sirs

in answer
to your letter in response to those
Grand children of Fanny Garrett
I would say that they were
our slaves, the Mother Died in 1862
or 3 the Father was Drafted in the
U. S. State Army and the same
year that he was Drafted
hence at the Emancipation they
were left on our hands they were
aged then about six & seven years old
there was another one still younger
that we let the Father have after the
Death of there Mother and gave him
an instrument of writing to
effect so after the was Drafted and
could not get executed he had an instrument
of writing drawn up and executed by a
Magistrate leaving the child to
the care of the woman who has charge
of it so that Fanny Garrett could
not get it as he said she was not
fit to raise her own children

hence after the Emancipation
I made application to the Orphans
Court took the children down there
and had them legally and law-
fully BOUND to me. The Orphans
Court from information received
by them that the said Fanny Gurr
^{was} ~~not~~ a fit party to raise them she having
a worthless Drunken Husband,
and I can prove all so that their Father
did not want her to have them
moreover she has never wanted any
but the Girl, as the Boy is not very
bright, I think it hard after raising
them until they begin to be of some
little use to take them away
so I shall not give them up unless
the Court of St. St. County so decides.
any other information you wish I will
cheerfully give, or if you will call
on Mr. R. G. Morgan Postal currency clerk
in the Custom House in Baltimore
he will inform you

Yours truly and
respectfully

John Savage
Millersville
Del.

Westminster

Amard Co,

May 9th 1867

Smith Jno. E.

Judge, County Court-

States that he will
issue writ of Habeas
Corpus, whenever proper
application is made
for the same & suggests
a correspondence with
Gen. W. Sands, States
Atty, for Howard Co,

The Capt Gen M^r & Lieut J 1877-67

Westminster

May 9, 1867.

Dear Sir:

Yours in reference to Complaints from Howard County has been received.

Of course, I will give notice of Harass Corpus, whenever proper applications are made to me.

I do not the purport of the law passed by the last Legislature in relation to Harass Corpus but I suppose its whole intent was to secure at Judge Bond.

I would respectfully suggest that you correspond with Geo. W.

Sands Esq. State Attorney for Howard County, and request him to take the necessary steps to have justice done. I am sure he will give you

all needed advice, and
assistance.

Whenever petitions are presented
to me in form I will act
promptly.

Yours Respectfully

Geo. S. Smith

Union Bridge

Sept 10th 1867

Leitzger Joshua

Requesting information of
a Col. of. No. 304, 878, for
\$264.86 per in favor
of Margaret A. Larson

Recd. Const. Comm. Ind. & Dec. Sept. 14-67

4-10-1867

Union Bridge Md. September 10th 1867
Major Genl Gregory
Sir

Some time in July,
last I left in your office to be forwarded to
Genl Howard and returned a Certificate
N^o 304878 for \$261⁸⁶/₁₀₀ Back pay and
Security Due from the Govt to Margaret A Dunsen
Widow of Evan I Dunsen Co F 43rd U S C I
Killed at the Mine Explosion at Petersburg Va -
I was told that upon the return of the papers a
letter would be addressed to said Margaret A Dunsen
at this office directing her to call at your office and
get the money - Nothing has been heard from it
since - Margaret Requests me to Enquire about
it to know whether there is any thing that she
can do about it to enable her to get the money
Due her as per said Certificate &

I Am very Respectfully

Joshua Ditzler

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I might add that it has cost Margaret no fee to
any Claim agent in the Collection of this Claim -
She has so far prosecuted it herself - which I
advised her to do. Acting her gratuitously in
my then Capacity of Justice of the peace in the
requisite affidavits of witnesses &c - which
was not an Exception. But my uniform Rule in
all Cases of Soldiers Claims or their heirs - I am
able to live without the little fee - And they saved
my Country's life - a part of which I am - And
therefore mine - C.D.

A. J. P. C. to the Hon. Sec. of War

Washington D.C.

September 23rd 1867

Charles J. P. C.

Chairman of Comtee. on treatment
of Prisoners of War & Union City,

Requests to be furnished with
the name of any Soldier or
Citizen who have suffered
Rehearsal or persecution during
the war,

Recd. Genl. Com. Ind. Del. Sept. 20th 67

COMMITTEE.

JOHN P. C. SHANKS, of Indiana, *Chairman*.
WILLIAM A. PILE, of Missouri.
ABNER C. HARDING, of Illinois.
AARON F. STEVENS, of New Hampshire.
WILLIAM MUGEN, of Ohio.

ROOMS OF THE

Committee on the Treatment of Prisoners of War and Union Citizens,

Washington D.C. Sept 23^d 1867

Sir:

Enclosed please find Circular of the Select Committee appointed by Congress to investigate the treatment of prisoners of war and Union Citizens by the rebels.

The name of any person, either soldier or citizen; whether white or colored, - who have been wronged in person or property, by rebels or rebel Authority, or the name of any person who knows of wrongs being done other soldiers or citizens; or any facts within your knowledge, will be thankfully received and promptly acted upon.

Will you take an interest in this matter, and aid the Committee so far as you can in this work? Col Kitchen of Gen Sherman's Staff kindly referred the Committee to you

for such information as you could
furnish through the medium of the
Bureau of Refugees and Freedmen
in your district.

Please answer at your earliest
convenience.

I am Sir

Very respectfully
John W. Shanks
Chairman.

Brig Maj Gen. E. M. Gregory
Capt Comdr Bof R. F. & A. L.
Baltimore
Md.

Rooms of the Committee on the Treatment of
Prisoners of War and Union Citizens.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17, 1867.

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War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Sept 17, 1868.

Br Capt. E. C. Knorr

Agent Baltimore

Capt-

Baltimore, Md.

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for honorary in the case of the following-named discharged soldiers:

Jas. W. Smith, Jr. Co. 7, Regt. U. S. C. I.

Purnell Porter

Wm. Wise

"

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Mass. Vols

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

William P. Drew,

Agent in charge

L. E. B. S. to G. C. M. S. S. C. 1868

Frederick City Md.

February 12th 1868

Schley Frederick

Requests that efforts be made
to ascertain the whereabouts of
Columbus & Charles Courney
son of Ruth Courney, now supposed
to be in Louisiana, and the
other in Tennessee.

Done at Frederick City Md. Feb. 12th 1868

Cases closed

Per letter Sept 8, 68

to J. Schley

1868

Recd. Assn. M. S. C. S. C. Feb. 12th 1868

Frederick, Md., Feb. 12th 1868

Major Gen. E. M. Gregory,
Commr. Freedmen's Affairs &c.
Baltimore, Md.,

General,

Ruth Coursey, a resident of this city, yearns for tidings of her two sons, who were sold, as slaves, to the South, some years ago. The elder, Columbus, now about 21 years of age, was sold by Lewis Ramsburgh, (since deceased,) to a person living in Tennessee. Ruth thinks that his name will be found on the rolls of the Union Army in Tennessee, during the late Rebellion.

The younger, Charles, is probably somewhere in Louisiana. John T. Sim, a slave agent for Wilson & Harris, of your city, bought him from Wm. H. Adams, executor of Valentine Adams, deceased, late of this vicinity. Enquiry made of Dr. Wilson W. Kolb, No. 5 Cannon St., Balt.

or of J. M. Wilson (one of the former firm
of Wilson & Hines) now living at N. Orleans,
will doubtless disclose the name of the
master to whom Charles Coursey was
sold, and facilitate the discovery of
his present whereabouts.

I am sure, General, you will use
all means at the command of the Bureau
over which you so humanely & actively
preside in this State, to give the desired
information. Any information, com-
municated to my address, or directly to
Ruth Coursey, will be gratefully appre-
ciated.

With great respect,

Yours &c

Frederick Schley,

58 E. Second St.

Frederick, Md.

Sept. 23 - 1868

State of Maryland

Annapolis Sept. 23rd 68

Charles J. W. M.

Secy of State

State that the colour
from Sp. of Johnson, was
some time ago, dis-charge
from the Ind. Penitenti-
ary by Executive Pardon.

Copy sent to Bu. of Geo.

Recd. Office S. C. B. & L. 1868 Sept 24th 68



State of Maryland,

Office of the Secretary of State,

Annapolis, Sept. 23. 1868

Capt. Fred. C. von Schirach
Sub Asst. Comr. &c &c &c

Sir: The Governor desires
me to acknowledge receipt
of yours of 21st inst. in
reference to the case of William
Johnson, colored, and to say
in reply:

That in pursuance
of an Executive Pardon, the
man was some time since
discharged from Penitentiary.

Very Respectfully

Your obdt. Servt.

Thos. M. Carter

L. R. 4. 11. 1868 & 1869. 1868-

Bureau Refugees Freedmen & A. C.

Washington D. C.

Sept. 25th 1868-

Dear Mr. P.

Ag't. in charge Claim Div'n.

Acknowledged receipt of papers

in the claims of Bureau of pay 10. of

Mr. Stenard & Co 2nd

Rec'd Office L. R. 4. 11. 1868 & 1869. Sept. 25th 1868

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Sept- 25, 1868.

By Capt E. C. Annett.

Agent in Charge.

Sir

Baltimore, Md

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for man of pay, etc. in the case of the following-named deceased soldiers:

Wm. Sherry, A. Co. 2^d, Regt. U. S. C. I

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

William R. Drew.

Agent in Ch. Div.

Atty Genl. & A. G. Wm. & Co. 1868

Baltimore Md;

April 1st 1868

Stretchbridge & Quincy
Solicitors for Bm.

Requires the query in reference to
complaint of Dr. Scott of Belair
of Harford Co. and states that Mr.
Gallaway late State Atty, for
Harford Co. has taken steps to
prevent like occurrence.

One (1) Enclosure

April 2nd 1868

Report of A. G. Wm.

and date of complaint thereof

C.B. 134.

Recd. Atty Genl. Wm. & Co. April 2nd 1868

LAW OFFICE OF HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,

No. 36 Lexington Street, (18 Law Buildings,)

Baltimore, 1st April 1868

Capt. Edward C. Knowen
A.A.G., &c.

Sir

I beg leave to return
the query with reference to John Scott of Bel Air,
Harford Co.

After learning from Mr. Scott all
the facts of the case, I wrote & sent by him, a
letter to my friend Hon. Wm. Galloway, of Bel Air
late State's Attorney of Harford Co. That letter
was delivered to Mr. Galloway, who wrote me
that he had taken steps there, to prevent any
recurrence of the difficulty, & if any further
disturbance should be caused, he would
see that it was addressed on the spot.

Very Respy

Wm. Abbott

H. Stockbridge
Sob. &c.

St. J. ... 1868

Baltimore Md.

May 11th 1868

Stockbridge H
Solicitor for Bureau
States that as a general rule
Claims Agents who receive
Soldiers in the form of
of their claims cannot be
reached by the Law.

Recd. Com. Int. & H. M., May 12th 1868

Law Office of Henry Strickbridge
Cm. 36 Lexington Street, (1st Law Buildings)
Baltimore May 1st 1868.

Capt. Edw. C. Sumner
A. A. A. Gene.

Bull + A. L. Balbi

Dear Sir:

Your letter of inquiring whether
there is any "civil or criminal redress for Afflicted Soldiers who
have through Misrepresentation paid their State Bounty-Claims
at a sacrifice" is recd.

Alii, ordinarily, is not actionable. In order to sustain
an action, against the purchaser of such a claim, of obtaining
property by false pretenses, He must be able to show not only
the ordinary deprecating the value of the commodity as prac-
ticed by buyers, - but also that the buyer told what was false.
Knowing it to be false, & did thereby procure the property for
less than its value. If they have said only that the State was
not paying - that it was uncertain when it would pay - that
they told the rest of all that, - might have to wait a long time
or, frightening the ignorant soldier & practically robbing him. I do
not think the Law does afford us any redress. In most of the cases

which I have had occasion to examine in detail the parties have kept within the limits of the law. They have been morally swindled & unmitigated cheating, but legally cannot be reached.

The party selling has acted on representation, the truth of which he could have verified, if his intelligence & caution had been rightly applied, & the Law makes no provision to supply the lack of brains, wits & caution to us others.

The bargain made may be a hard one, but the party should not count to a sale, receive & spend his money, & then come to complain that he has no more to spend. I do not say that there is no redress civilly or criminally, but I have not yet met with any case where the law would set aside or punish for.

It is slow to relieve from the consequences of a hard bargain which a man has voluntarily entered into - & slow still to punish a man for, during a sharp bargain.

Very Respectfully
(Signed) H. Stretbridge

True Copy
Edw. C. Knowlton
M. J. & A. C. C. G. G.

Frederick City Md.

May-19th 1868

Schley Frederick

State that James Drysdale,
late Sr. Y. M. C. is engaged
at Bryant & Stratton Commer-
cial College at Balt. Md,
on N. Charles St.

Recd. Arr. H. Jones, Dec. 14. 1868.

Frederick, Md., May 19, 1868
Capt. & Asst. Genl. E. C. Krieger, U. S. A.,
No 12 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.

Sir,

In reply to yours of 18th inst.,
asking "information of the whereabouts
of James Drysdale, formerly 2^d Lieut.
of "Regt. VRC., and mustered out of the U.S.
service on the 10th of Jan'y 1867," I
would state, that Lieut. Drysdale
was recently, and I presume still is,
engaged at the "Bryant-Stratton
Commercial College," N. Charles st.,
in the city of Baltimore.

Very respectfully

Yr. obt. servt.

Frederick Schley,

J. H. P. & Co. 165

Baltimore Md,

June 18th 1868

Stephens H. H.
Solicitor for Bure,

Submits opinion in the matter
of the claims of Sarah Brown
& Harriet A Brown claiming
as widow of Moses Brown of the
4th Reg. Md. Col. Troop, to the
effect that Sarah Brown is
legally entitled to the pension claim
awarded her, and that there must
have been two men in the same
Co & Regt. known to their wives
as Moses Brown.

Copy furnished

Boleyns to forward
to Wash^g

Recd. Care H. H. Ind. 26, June 18th 1868

Baltimore June 12. 1868

Capt. E. K. Kupper }
Act. A. G. } for.

In the matter of the claims of Sarah Brown & Harriet A. Brown claiming as widows of Moses Brown of the 44th Regiment of Maryland Colored Troops, I would respectfully report, that I have examined the facts of the case as carefully as possible, & heard all the witnesses produced by either party, & am satisfied that the claimant Sarah Brown ~~was~~ actually married to the identical Moses Brown of said regiment, who was killed at Dutch Gap Canal in Virginia: the only difficulty existing in the case was, whether the same Moses Brown was the husband of the claimant Harriet A. Brown, as in that event, the marriage of said Harriet being prior to the marriage of said Sarah, his marriage to Sarah would have no validity, & the said Harriet would be entitled to her claim as his widow.

None of the evidence offered by either has been impeached & I see no reason to question its truthfulness & if it be true, there must have been two different individuals in that regiment known to their wives by the name of Moses Brown: & whatever may have become of Moses, the husband of Harriet I see no reason why her claim should be allowed to interfere with the adjustment of the proper claim of Sarah as made in this case -

I return, herewith, the letters written by the de-

ceased & the photographs presented by the two Sami
auto-

Very Resp^y. Se.

N. Stockbridge
Solv.

A. M. Campbell

Baltimore Md,

June 12th 1868

Chicago Nov. 26.
Solicitor for Baire.

Submit opinion in the matter
of the claim of Sarah Brown
+ Harriet A Brown claiming
as in and by Morse & Brown of the
A^d Regt. Ind. Cav. Troop, to the
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have been two men in the same
Co + Regt. - Simon & their wife
a Widow Brown.

Copy furnished

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Boletus bohemus

Pteris, Acrostichum, and others etc., where 18% water

No. 14 Bank St. (Ct. L. at Nat. Bank & Sec. 1st)

Baltimore Md.

June 22nd 1868

Stockbridge H.

Solicitor for Bureau

Gives the opinion that the refusal
of a court to cancel an Indenture
of apprenticeship which
is in conflict with the Civil
Rights Bill - is no ground for
the retaining of a child as the
Bill of Indenture is illegal &
null & void -

Original sent to Bureau

June 24, 1868

Recd. Act. Sec. Md. & Del. June 28th 68

Baltimore 36 Lexington St; June 22 '68

Maj. A. H. Bolennis

Bureau of Freedmen & A. L.

Dear Sir,

I have read the communication of Mr. Barcus addressed to
C. C. Sumner of your Bureau. Mr. Barcus is under an error in sup-
posing that the Indenture needs to be cancelled by the Circuit Court.
If it is in any respect different from an Indenture
binding a white child it is a nullity, of no more value than
so much white paper, & a thousand cancellations would not
increase its invalidity. That is the scope & force of the decision
of Judge Chase's Rule. If it were not so the only obligation it
contains is dependent upon the faithful performance of his
obligation by the apprentice, that is a condition precedent.
None but the apprentice could make claim agt. Mr. B. & the apprentice
only by showing that he had done all that the Indenture required. If
he does, that ends his claim, but since the decision, it is ended
without that.

Tru Copy

Edw. C. Knowlton

W. H. A. & A. A. G.

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Signed, H. Stockbridge

14 in Detroit June 2

Baltimore Apr.

: June 29th 1868

St. Louis Mo

Solicitor for Rev. Co

Report in the case of Mary

Bishop & several others, against

J. H. Guager that the State

Atty. having decided that there

embezzlement was not evident

able - nothing can be done.

Cases closed.

Recd. Orth. Com. Am. & Dec. June 30 68

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N^o 36 Lexington Street

Baltimore June 29th 1868

Gen. H. Brooks

Bureau R. F. & L.

Baltimore

Dear Sir.

I return herewith
the Complaint of Mary Bishop and a list of several
other persons against Col. J. P. Creager.

The State's Attorney having decided that these
embezzlements are not indictable & not
knowing of any property that Creager is
possessed of I do not think it advisable
to take legal action in these cases & refer
you to report made by me on 27th inst.
in relation to Complaint of Harriet Jenkins.

Very Respectfully

H. Stockbridge

Solicitor

per Wm. P. Perry

L. B. Burdette

Sheriff's Office
Upper Marlboro
Oct. 3, 1866.

Sutton, Jas. E.
Sheriff Prince George Co.

Reports that he has no knowl-
edge of Asenath Cartwright
nor of the transaction alluded
to.

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Recd. Capt. Com. Md. Oct. 12, 1866.

Sheriff's Office
Upper Marlboro'
3rd Oct. 1866.

Col. Wm A. Heigel
Chief Inspector to
Col.

I have no know-
-ledge of Warmonth Cartwright nor of the trans-
-action to which you allude.

My answer has been delayed for con-
-ference with my deputies, who are alike ig-
-norant of the whole matter

Respyd
Geo. C. Norton
Sheriff of
Prince Georges County
Md

T. S. Du R. F. W. B. L. - Dec. 1866.

Treasury of the United States
Division of Natl. Banks
Washington, Nov. 24, 1866

Spinner, F. E.
Treasurer D. S.

Reports that the National Ex-
change Bank of Baltimore
Maryland has voluntari-
ly ceased to be a de-
pository of Public mon-
ey.

Official Copy
(sgd.) Geo. H. Balloch
Act. Brig. Genl.
and Chief D. O.
Br. R. F. W. B. L.
Washington, D. C.

Recd. apt. Comm. Dec. 28, 1866.

Treasury of the United States,
Division of Natl. Banks.

Washington Nov. 24th 1866.

Sir:

The National Exchange Bank of Baltimore Maryland, has voluntarily ceased to be a Depository of public moneys, permission having been given to said Bank, upon its own application, to withdraw the securities heretofore held by the Treasurer of the United States, for public deposits made with it.

Very respectfully

(Sgnd) F. E. Spinner

Treasurer U.S.

Hon. E. M. Stanton
Secretary of War.

- Official -

Geo W. Fuller
Prs & Prg. Genl & Chf Secy.

T-2 Bu R. F. & A. G. Inc. 1866

Baltimore, Md.
Dec. 6, 1866.

Simmons, Tho.

States that the bearer Mr.
Sanders, late of the U.S.C.T.
reports that certain parties
on Kent Island have been
guilty of outrages on the
Colored School about to
be established & requests
assistance

Recd aft. Comm. Md. Dec. 6, 1866.

Baltimore December 6th 1866

Major Genl. Gregory.

Dear Sir.

The bearer of this
Mr. Sanders late of the 7th Regt. U.S. C.T. informs
me that certain parties on Kent Island have
been guilty of outrages towards one of the
Colored Schools about being established there,
and he asks for some protection in the matter,
I have referred him to you for instructions,
be kind enough to render him and his
friends such assistance as you may
be able to Command.

Very Respect.
Your Obedt. Servant
Thos. Simmon

Denton Md.
July. 22nd 1867.

Lodd, Robt. W.
Register of Wills

Furnishes number of
Colored apprentices bound
out in Caroline Co.

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1867

Received from the Master, July, 28th, 1867.

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Newton, Ma. Feb. 29th 1867
Sect. David C. Brown
Dear Sir;

In answer to
your communication of the 18th,
I have to respond, that to give you
precise information, in relation
to the number of colored appren-
tices in Caroline County, would
require the outlay of more time and
labor than I could spare from the
duties of my office; - especially if
the information is expected to be
furnished without remuneration.
The means of information are
in the office; but it would require
weeks of patient investigation to
enable me to make a correct
report. I should have to go
through the indenture records of
18 or 20 years, and in every case

examine whether the time
of the apprentice has expired.
With a cursory examination
of the question I find that
immediately subsequent to the
act of emancipation in
Maryland, there were 142
colored children bound before the
Orphan's Court, and 30 before
Magistrates, making in all
192.

Of those bound before the
Orphan's Court, not more than
about of 3- (4%) are stated, in
the record, to have been appren-
ticed with the consent of the
parent or parents.

Yours very Respectfully,

Wm. M. Todd

Jes. of wills
for Caroline County.

L. D. ...

710 F. A. L. 96

Aberdeen, Md.,

February 21. 1867

Treadaway - Amos,

+ John M. Howe.

*Relates the trials of Mr Howe,
a refugee in Harford Co.,
Md., and the persecutions
set on foot by the rebels against
them. &c. &c.*

Attended to

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Recd A F & D, Feb 26. 1867

Recd. Genl. Comdr. Feb. 28. 1867

War Department.

*Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and A. L.
Washington Feb. 27. 1867.*

*Respectfully referred to Rev. Maj. Gen.
E. M. Gregory, Assistant Commissioner of
Maryland, who will please investigate
this matter and take such steps as may
be necessary for the protection of these
persons.*

By order of

Maj. Gen. C. O. Howard.

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Rev. Genl. C. O. Howard.

Aberdeen Harford Co. Md Feb 21st 1867

General Howard Chief of Freedmens Bureau

Dear Sir there is a man here from Richmond Co. Va who Deserted the rebel army and became a Refugee who stayed in Maryland till the end of the war, and returned to his home, in Richmond Co. Va after the war, he has since been Persecuted by many of his neighbors and finally they conspired to drive him off by pretending he had committed some crime in the neighborhood where he lived He employed a Lawyer to defend his case, the lawyer caused him, to give him (the Lawyer) a bond for \$25 for which he was to Plead Mr Hows case, the Lawyer did not appear at the first Court and Mr Howe by the advice of his friends left before the next court, he said he had given security in the sum of 50 dollars for his appearance at court that sum of course he forfeited, since he left the Lawyer, (A Mr Walker) has attached his house & land for the fee the 25 dollars which he never yeanned Mr J. Howe showed me a letter from his Father near Warsaw the Co. seat of Richmond Co, saying he his Father Thos Howe had called on Lieutenant Eyres the Freedmens Bureau Commissioner, and that Mr Eyres said if he Mr John How would see you, you would stop their proceedings against his Property that the government was Bound to protect the Property of refugees Now Sir this man has been driven from home during the war so he could make nothing and he come on here last October and although he worked constant till the winter set in he only made money enough to bring his family up and to get the fee

articles of necessity and he scantly to this time
he has not means to come to Washington to see you
He desired me to write to you and ask you what he should
do he thinks if it is necessary he will be able to come on
some time this spring I believe Mr Howe to be an honorable
man, If you will please to give the desired information you
much oblige your Obdient servants

Amos Treadaway &

John^M Howe

General Howard

Chief of Freed. mens Aberdeen Harford Co. Md
Baltimore

L.B. R.A. 7502 Del. 4 Feb. 1857.

Denton, Ind.
March 7 1857.

Jodd, Robt. W.
Register of Mills

Furnishes additional
Evidence in regard to
Colored Children bound
out in Caroline Co.
Ind.

Wrapper - One (1) Enclosure

Recd. aft. Carr. Ind. & Del. March 8 1857.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
HEADQUARTERS OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Baltimore, Md. 186

Special Orders, |

No. |

By command of Major General Francis Fessenden,

Assistant Commissioner.

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Please

Respectfully
W. J. Judd
Regno. of wills

Denton Ala. March 26th 1867
Lieut. Edward L. Knowen
Dear Sir;

Yours, was
duly received, & I hasten to
give you the information you ask.
It has cost me much patient
investigation, & has proven very trou-
blesome, as I have had no one to
assist me. I have neglected the
ordinary duties of my office, in
order to give you the information
as speedily as possible, supposing
you to be desirous to have the
information necessary to make
up your report at as early a
day as possible.

In addition to the number (192)
who were apprenticed in Caroline
County immediately subsequent
to the act of emancipation, in

Maryland, I find that there
are 130 ^{negro} apprentices in this
County, ^{scattered through the period of twenty years,} whose term of service has
not expired, excluding those
whose ~~can~~ indentures have ~~not~~
been since cancelled by order
of the Orphan's Court, - making,
in the aggregate, 310 ~~old~~ ^{apprentices} in Caroline County.

Some of these have doubtless
died & a number absconded,
but as there is no record of such
matters in this office, the number
cannot be ascertained -

By the law regulating Register's fees
for searches (15 cts for each search)
I am entitled to \$46.50 for my
trouble in giving you the desired in-
formation - I have frequently made,
in my regular business, more than that sum
in the same time required to make the inves-
tigation - What are you willing to pay?
& by what measures am I to secure the

communication? Please
answer.

Yours very Respectfully
John W. Todd
Regnofwills

Genl
Lieut. Edward

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It has cost
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L. C. B. P. & Co. L. M. Del. 1837

Deutou Md.

April 11 " 1867.

of
Jodd, Robt. W.
Register of Wills

Return Voucher signed
and gives his reasons for
charging \$46.⁵⁰/₁₀₀ for
information related to
colored apprentices.

Recd. Capt. Comm. Md. & Del. Apr. 12 " 1867.

Denton, Md, Apr. 11th 1867
Genl E. C. Krummer

Sir,

Your communication of March 31th, was rec'd several days since with enclosed vouchers - (You misunderstood me in supposing that I expected \$46.⁵⁰ for my services, - I stated, that at the legal rate for searches, I should be entitled to said amount, for the number of searches I made, but asked the question: - What are you willing to pay, - thus leaving the entire matter with the Department and manifesting a disposition to be content to receive what it might be thought proper to give.

The insinuation, so greatly conveyed, that I ought not to expect remuneration for services rendered the U. S. Government, would have struck me with great force, had I supposed the services rendered to your Department worthless, or the Government bankrupt. Notwithstanding your offer of remuneration, in a former communication,

J. 1867 A. G. Ind. Dec-1867

Treasury Department
State of Maryland
Annapolis
April 29-67

Command, U. S. of
Comptroller

Stating that no claims for
State Bounty will be paid
to any Officer of the Treas-
ure Bureau, as per
joint Resolution of
Legislature it can only be
paid to a resident Citizen
of the State of Md.

B. 1867

Recd. Capt. Com. Ind. & Dec. April 30-67

State of Maryland
Treasury Department
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

Annapolis, April 29th 1864.

Maj. Gen. E. Gregory
Apt. Comm. &c. Freedmen's Bureau.

Sir: Your favor of 24th inst. with claim for bounty due Geo. W. Gibb, has been recd.

It is useless for you to continue to file claims in this Office for collection in your name or that of any Officer of the "Freedmen's Bureau".

I explained to you when here, the nature of the "Joint Resolution" of the last Legislature, which prohibits payment to anyone but a citizen of the State; and can assure you that it may not be departed from, in any case.

All parties collecting bounties from Maryland, must be not only "bona fide" citizens of the State and duly licensed by the Gen. & Govt., but must be responsible pecuniarily for their acts.

I regard the interests of the negro more than many who profess to love him so well.

Respectfully yours
Wm. Leonard Compt.

T. 19
7th Sept 1807

From Mr. House
9th Sept. & sent to Mr. Ma
May 1st 1807

From James

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Recd. Capt. Comm. 1st & 2nd Reg. 3rd

To the Hon. Secy

Mr. House
I call to mind
May 1st 1867

your names

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Comm. Ind. & Sec. Reg. 367

Brick M. House May 1st
Bot. Col. Wigzel
Sir.

Your favor of the 18th
came to hand, asking information
in regard to the unfortunate
colored people of the 9th district
of Cecil Co. I have made inquiry
and find there are none that come
under the classes named.

Yours &c
J. A. Turner,

T, 20 B. R. & A. K. Ind. Sec. 1867
Treasury Department
4th Auditor Office
Washington D.C.
April 9th - 1867

Letter H. G. IV.
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State that the case of Andrew
Mayer cannot be entertained
until the evidence required
is produced,

Information given

Recd. L. & Comm. Ind. & Sec. May 8th 1867

Treasury Department,

Fourth Auditor's Office,

April 9th, 1867.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, relative to the case of Andrus Meyers, has been received. In reply you are informed, that it is impossible for me to afford any relief in a case of this nature, until the desired evidence is produced.

It is very unusual for names to be omitted from prize lists, unless for good and sufficient reasons, which I presume controlled the action in this case.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
J. H. Tibbels,

Auditor.

W. H. Wiegand,
St. Col. & A. A. G.

Headquarters Asst. Commissioner,
Bu. R. P. & A. Lands, Baltimore
Maryland.

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Treasury Department
Washington
May 14-67

French E. S.
2nd Cir. Div.

States that the sending
of certificate No. 302,831
to J. P. Greager was an
inexcusable oversight of a
Clerk.

Recd. Off. Comm. Ind. Sec. May 15/67

Second Auditor's Office
OF THE
Treasury Department
WINDERS BUILDING

May 14th 1867

Sir,

I am in receipt of your
letter of yesterday in relation to
Cen. No. 302,931 sent to J. P. Bruce.

It was an inexcusable oversight
of a clerk. He stands in the
office prohibited from practice
and the fact is notorious. I
can only account for the error
on the ground of thoughtless stupidity.

Very truly

E. P. Finch

L. 35, B. H. 4 & C. L. 1867

Millston Delaware

May 28th 1867

Single Jacob

Reports the loss of Unfor-
tunate at Millston Del,

Recd. After Com. 1867 May 28th 1867

Millston May 28th 1867
Mr. Edward Knower

Dear Sir I
learn with kind you a true report of
the two Hundred Dagobrong &
Baltimore. These persons are destitute
of every way of means of living or
every one to care for them that is
able

Your Obt. Servant
Jacob Single

26 B.R. 4th A.L. Ind. Sec. 1867

Treasury Department -
Washington D.C.
June 18th 1867

French E. B.
Jr. Auditor

State that James M. Lewis
Claim Agt. was suspended
on the 27th April 67 - since
which time no Certificate
has been sent to him.

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Recd. G. L. Ind. Sec. 1867

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

June 18, 1867.

Sir:

Yours of the 17th instant is received, and in reply I have to say that James M. Stephens was suspended on the 27th day of April last since which time no certificates have been sent to him.

Respectfully
E. B. Felt
auditor
E. B. F.

Col. Wm. H. Wiegand
Frederick Bureau
Baltimore
Md

JH

Received of
Royal Oak Lumber Co. Inc.
Aug. 27 1867

Wm. Charles
Trustee

States the Amt. of material
purchased for the erec-
tion of a School House
at Royal Oak's Lumber Co.
Ind,

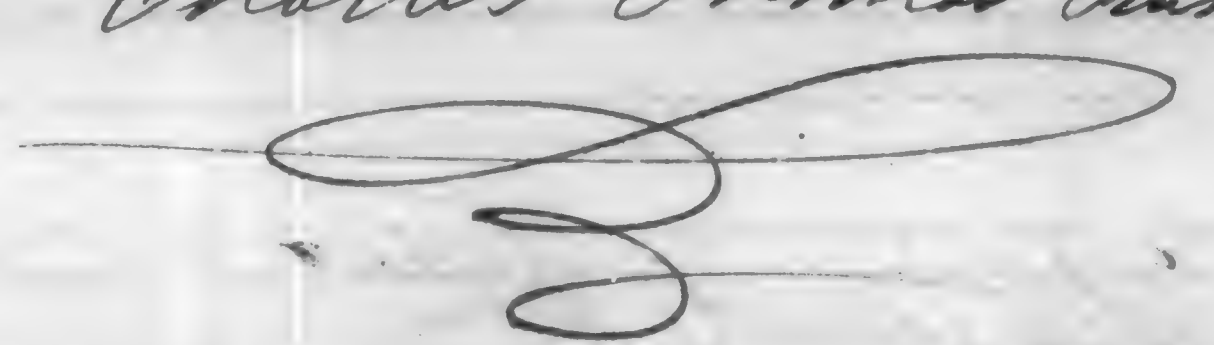
Order issued to this
effect. August 6th 1867

Wm. C. Lumber Co. Inc. Aug. 6th 1867

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Royal Oak Talbot by May 2nd 1867
Genl Gregory

Dear Sir

We obtained the lumber from
Messrs Robinson & Bro, there was 1010 ft of
weather boarding and 26 ft of stepping, and it was
22 dollars per M, somewhat cheaper than it
was when we first priced it; the bill amounts
to (\$24.44). There is one Capt Robt Leonard for
freight, ~~and~~ six dollars, to Capt Charles Leonard five
dollars. We got 64 ft choice White Pine from Mr
Robert Dixon @ \$5.00 per hundred, and 242 ft of
3 dollars ^{and 5 cts} per hundred, amounting to 11.29. We got iron
for chimneys, and the bill for them is five dollars, from
Mr P. T. Pastfield.

Very Respectfully Yours
Charles Thomas Foster


P.S. We will send the estimates as soon as
we possibly can and get the Capt to call.

John H. Cox, M.D. & Co.

Fredricks Md.

August 26th 1867

James B. H.

Special Agent.

States that Edward Thomas
has moved from Fredricks
County, to Emmet in the
Virginia Valley.

Recd. Asst. Com. Fredricks Co. Aug 26/67

Frederick Aug 26, 1867.
Edw. C. Knower
Lieut & Supt.
Sir.

Yours of Aug 14 was duly received, and would have been answered sooner, but was seeking the information you desired. Having previously sought some information, in regard to the man Thomas, on Tuesday August 20. I procured conveyance, and taking a man with me, who is acquainted with all that section, I started for the point designated in your order. I need only state the result. The man Edward Thomas, some four months since removed up into the Virginia valley. In that vicinity, there are a number of the Thomas - one Stephen, whose address is Adamstown, Fed Co. Md.

All of which I respectfully submit.
B. J. Lamm
Agent &c

Wm. H. & A. L. Fair Dec. 1867

Treasury Department

2^d Auditor

Mar. 1867

Ceb. 9th 67

Yurch E. B.

2^d Auditor

States that Miss George
C. 1899 W. B. C. 1899 Agents
have been suspended. From
preventing of claims.

Recd. Asst. Com. Ins. & Co. Ceb. 11th 1867

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Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office.

Oct 9, 1867.

Bot. Col. Wm H. Hiegel, A.A.G.

Baltimore, Md.

Col.:

In reply to yours of the 7th inst. I have the honor to inform you that Messrs. Geo. Cragg & Bro. Claim Agents of Philadelphia, have this day been suspended from the further prosecution of claims before this office until they make satisfactory explanation of their action in the case of Wm Dow, late of Co. H, 7th U.S.C.T. and file his receipt for the ^{full} amount, (less their lawful fee) of Treasury Certificate No. 285594 for \$213.40 issued by this office in favor of said Wm Dow and sent to them as attys.

Very respectfully,

E. B. French, Auditor

By C. R. D.

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Treasury Department
Washington D.C.
Aug. 26th 67-

French E.V.D.
3^d Auditor

Enclosed certificate in the case
of C.B. Dehn + Herman Miller
C.E. 45th W. A. C. S. is be
delivered to Claimants, the
Capt. Evan Bailey of,
Havre Grace, who filed the
claim, not being licensed, &
has been notified of the dis
position made of the C.E. 45th.

Recd. Com. Ind. & Acc. Aug. 27th 67

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

May 26th, 1867.

Sir:

The enclosed Certificates in the cases of
C. E. Durbin and Harmon Miller Co. E. 43.
U. S. C. T. are sent to you to be delivered to the
persons whose names are found with their addresses
in each Certificate. The applications were filed
by Evan Bailey of Havre de Grace Md. but
as he has no license to act as Attorney they
are not sent to him. Nor is he entitled to
a fee in these cases. He has filed other cases
which will also be sent to you, unless he pro-
cures a license. He will be informed that the
Certificates have been sent to you & the reason.

Respectfully

Col. W. A. Miegel
Baltimore
Md.

E. B. French
Auditor
By, H. A. W.

J. S. L.
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Bureau R. & A. L.
Washington D.C.
Aug. 22nd 1868

Dear Sir,
Agst. in charge Claim Office,
Acknowledges receipt of papers
in the claim for bounty & c. of
Jacob Shuman "B" 4th

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1868

Recd. Office A. G. Co. Ball's Mt. Aug 27th 1868

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Aug 22, 1868.

By Capt. Fr. Shiraeh

J. A. C. Dux

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Baltimore, Md.

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for security &c in the case of the following-named discharged soldiers:

Jacob Thomas, B. Co. 4th, Regt. U. S. C.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

William P. Drew,

Agent in charge

Thos. off. A. Comm
D.C.

C. B. - 3-4-1868

Freeman R. F. & A. Lands
Washington D. C.

Nov. 28th 1868.

Dear Sir,

Ogt. in charge Claimants.

Enclosed etc, discharge of
Josiah Thompson, late Pvt.
Co. "C" 7th U.S.C. I. together
with letter from the same
An dtr of the Treasury re-
futing adversely on his
claim for bounty.

Receipt of discharge to
be acknowledged.

Entd. in Bk. & receipt acknowledged

Chas. W. ...
Call'd Dec. 29/68
and received discharge with in-
formation
Recd. Off. S. A. C. Ball. Nov. 24. 1868

War Department,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
CLAIM DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., Nov 23rd, 1868.

Brig Capt Fred C Von Schinck U.S.A.
S.A. Commr Bu R & F & A.L.
Baltimore, Md.

Captain:

I am directed to enclose herewith, for delivery to him, the discharge of Josiah Thompson, late 1st Co "H" 7th U.S.C.T., together with letter from the Second Auditor of the Treasury, reporting adversely on his claim for bounty.

Please acknowledge receipt of discharge at your earliest convenience

Very respectfully,

Your obed^t servant,

William P. Brew.

Sgtat Bu R & F & A.L.

Chief of Claim Division

(L.S. 22 29.)

1847, inside, 1867

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Amundson Pro.
Sept. 3rd 1867 -

Whidey H.

State that the colored people
of the neighborhood are con-
sidering a school, and after
assistance from the Bureau.

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Answered

Oct 16th

West. Cent. Comm. Providence, Sept. 6th 1867

Emmitsburg Sep 3rd 1867

Maj Genl. E M Gregory
Sir

We wish to
establish a Coloured school
in this town. I have a
Coloured League now having
66 members and they are
anxious they and their children
be educated and you being
the proper Authority to appeal
to I wish you would interest
yourself in their behalf.
Please give me the proper papers
and all the information so I
can proceed in the matter

And Obidege Your Humble Serv^t
William Albrecht
Emmitsburg
Md

W. Smith & Co. 15 1/2 St.
Bureau Refugees Freedmen & A. L.

Wilmington Del.
July 15th 1867

James E. C.
Supt. & Pupt.

State that the School at Georgetown
has greatly decreased in numbers, and
the teacher desires to be relieved, also
that the property of the African
Society is not yet transferred, awaiting
necessary papers, the Treas. of Soc.
Afric. reports \$125.00 on hand, and desires
to know what amt. of assistance
the Bureau can furnish the normal
school.

E.B. p 108-195

Post. Comm. 120-20 July 15th 67

Headquarters, Assistant Commissioner,
BUREAU of REFUGEES, FREEDMEN and ABANDONED LANDS
District of Maryland and Delaware.

Completed Division.

Baltimore, July 15th 1867

Respectfully referred to Capt. S. J.
Knight, Agent & D. C., Supt of
Schools, for his information

By Command of Bt Major Genl Gregory
H. H. Nielson A.C.

E.B. p 108-195

Wm. J. Hall

Very respectfully
Yours with much
Cordial Remembrance
Wm. J. Hall

Forward report of results

Office Superintendent
P.R. & A.S. Dist. of Del.
Wilmington July 13. 1867

Resd Col. Wm. H. Megil A.A.G.
Baltimore Md

Sir

I have the honor to report
that I attended the meeting of the Del. A.S. held this day.
A letter was received from the teacher of the Georgetown
School offering his resignation, giving as a reason the decrease
of his pupils, which left his average attendance only
10 per day. In consideration of the special importance of
keeping the Georgetown School open, on account of the late
difficulties, the Association decided not to accept his
resignation, and passed a resolution directing the teacher
to remain at his post until August 15th. The Treasurer
of the Association reports only \$125.00 dollars on hand.
The formal transfer of property (school house, and lot)
from the African Society to the Del. A.S. has not
yet been made. The transaction is waiting preparation
of the necessary papers. In reply to inquiry whether the
Bureau had decided how far the Normal School could
be assisted, I informed them that General Gregory
was waiting until he had been notified that the

U. S. Bank & Co. - Md. 1826.

Annapolis, Md.

Dec. 6, 1826.

Hendrick, Gen. L.
Bot. Maj. Dept. Vl.

Requests that inquiry
be made why he was not
summoned by the Grand
Jury & appear before them
in the case against Judge
Magnum.

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Recd. aft. Comm. Md. Dec. 10, 1826.

Annapolis Md Dec 8 1866.

Capt. E. C. Knowles

a a a

Baltimore Md.

Captain

The Grand Jury of the District Court
of the U. S. were to have met on Tuesday last.

I expected ere this to have been summoned
to appear before them in the case against
Judge Magruder.

Will you please cause enquiry to be
made as to the reason why I have not
been summoned and inform me at your
earliest convenience. I do not want the
case to fail.

Sincerely

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm E. Stauder

Notary & Sup't &c

Annapolis, Md.
Jan'y. 15, 1867.

Landreth, Wm L.
Atty. Gen. Supt. H.

Further Enquiries made
of Messrs. Lister & Supple
Claim Agents, relative to the
Claim of Harriet Jackson
for back pay of her son,
and pension for his children

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1862

Recd. of K. W. W. Recd. Jan. 16, 1867.

Annapolis Aug 15th 1867.

Capt E. C. Knowles

A A A

Baltimore, Md.

Captain

Mrs Harriet Jackson states that on the 6th of Sept 1866 she left with Messrs Sistes & Supples No 75 W. Fayette St Baltimore, Claim Agents, the necessary papers to procure the back pay of her son, and also a pension for his children. Her son was a member of Co B 23rd U.S. C Troops. She is in very destitute circumstances and in need of the money to enable her to support the children. Will you please cause enquiry to be made of Messrs Sistes & Supples of the condition of her claims and advise me of the result.

Very truly yours

Wm Standish

Bot Maj Supt &c

Q. L. B. H. H. L. M. & Del. 1867.

Westminster, Carroll Co. Md.
March 29th 1867.

Valentine, Levi
Clark Co. Comfrs.

Will furnish information
in regard to "unfortunate"
among the colored people
as soon as possible

Recd. aft. Comm. M. & Del. April 1st 1867.

Office—County Commissioners

Carroll County, Md.

Westminster, March 29th 1867

Edw^d C. Knower

Sir

Your letter is recd
at this office. in which you desire information
in regard to the number &c of the unfortunates
among the Colored people of your County.
Coming under certain heads.

We have not at present the necessary
information to give you the desired
figures, but will endeavour to ascertain
the facts as soon as possible and
will most cheerfully communicate to
you the result.

Most Respectfully Yours

Levi Valentine

Clerk Co Comm^{rs}

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Deputy, Lt. Major Genl's Office
Baltimore Md,
April 29th 1867

van Vliet Steward
Bot. Maj. Genl, &
Deputy L. T. Genl, U. S. A.

Requesting copies of Special
Orders assigning Officers to duty
in the Dept, in compliance
with Circular from 2nd Auditor's
Office dated Oct. 11th 1865, required
in settlement of Act, for commu-
tation of Lts & Lincs,

Copies furnished April 29

Recd. Capt. Comm. Ind. Dec. April 29 - 1867

Deputy General's
Depot Quartermaster's Office,

Baltimore, April 29th 1867.

Brevet Major Genl. E. M. Gregory
Asst. Commr. Sw. Dep. &c.
Baltimore, Md.

General: Will you please furnish this Office
with copies of orders assigning you, and the
Officers now under your command to duty, at
this station, as required by Circular from 2^d
Comptroller's Office, dated Oct 11th 1865. The copy
to be certified to, by a disinterested Officer. They
are required in the settlement of accounts for
Commutation of Dis. and Fuel.

Very respectfully,
Thos. A. M. Mier
Brevet Major General
Deputy C. M. Genl. U. S. A.

Annapolis Md.

March 12th / 1868

Van Derlip May. H. L.

Disty. Office -

states that Mr. Remond the
Comptroller informs him that
no information whatever will
be furnished the Bureau or
any of its agents,

She A. 4. Sept.

will furnish all information
asked for, but suggests that all
enquiries be made through
H. G. Washington D.C.

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[illegible] purchased 1868*

Rec'd of [illegible] [illegible]

unofficial

Annapolis Md March 12 1868

Brig Genl H Brooks

Asst Comdr. Md.

Baltimore. Md.

General

I have the honor herewith to state that in obedience to your request I called at the Comptroller's Office, and was told that no information would be furnished me.

The language of Mr Leonard the Comptroller was "No information whatever will be given to your Bureau or its agents".

Permit me further to say that at the Adjutant General's Office every facility is afforded us, and information given freely and cordially, but these cases are in the hands of the Comptroller.

The clerk in the A.G.O. desired me to mention to you that when delay occurs in the answering of communications from your office it is because no replies have been received from the War Dept. and he

suggests that if the requests for information were first sent to the War Dept. direct from you H^Q the replies would be attended to with more dispatch.

Yours

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

W L Standish

Port May 1860.

V. S. ...

Annapolis Md,
March 18th 1868

Van Delft Wm L
Maj & S.O.

Order for the Discharge of
Solomon Charles Sargt. of the Pitts-
burg. which is now in the hands
of Capt. Kringroff Wm, 556 Baltm
now Lt, Balt. Md,

Bureau Refugees & A.G.
Hq. Geo. Apt. Com. Wash D.C.
Balt. Md, March 20th 68

Respectfully returned to Maj. W. L.
Van Delft, Annapolis Md, with all the
invited to endorsement of S.
Kringroff here on.

By Comm. of Gen. H. Brooks, Capt. Com.
Edw. C. Knowen
Bt. Capt & A. A. A. G.

Recd. Capt. Com. Balt. Md, March 19th 68

the answer to the letter which is Respectfully Return
Johna Salomon on Charles Pitts

March 1868

Commodore Smith,

March 18th 1868

Dear Sir,

Enclosed for the discharge of
the above named person is the sum
of \$100.00 which is now in the hands
of the King and the State of
Maine, the State of

Enclosed for the discharge of
the above named person is the sum
of \$100.00 which is now in the hands
of the King and the State of
Maine, the State of

Respectfully submitted
to the State of Maine, the State of
Maine, the State of

Edw. C. Smith
March 18th 1868

Enclosed for the discharge of
the above named person is the sum
of \$100.00 which is now in the hands
of the King and the State of
Maine, the State of

An answer to the letter which is respectfully returned
I have Salomon Chases Return & if you will
send me his order in writing properly witnessed
I will give it to you when State Bounty is settled

The answer from 4th edition is that no
person Enlisted prior to first of July 1864 or subsequent
to 30th June 1865 in the army is entitled to Bounty

But that his claim for State Bounty as he owes
when that is settled by State Legislature & they are
now trying to settle it I will let you know
But can't give up his discharge till his claim
for State Bounty is settled

I am Respectfully
Yours
J. C. Smith

March 20, 1868

In Enlisted in 1863
Discharged 1865

Salomon Chases Return

Annapolis Md
March 18th 1868

Capt E. Knowles
A. A. A.

Baltimore Md.

Captain

Will you do me the favor of making
the following inquiry for me -

Solomon Chase - Enlisted at Red River La
in 1863 on Ste. Pittsburg - Discharged from boat
No 55 Musquito fleet. Last summer he left
his discharge with Col Ringroff No 556
Baltimore St; to procure his prize money &c.
I want his discharge or a satisfactory
reason why it is withheld from him by
Col R.

I am Sir

Very Respy &c
W L Faudeshp
Port Maj. &c. &c.

Ok 142 Vol's R. F. & A. L.

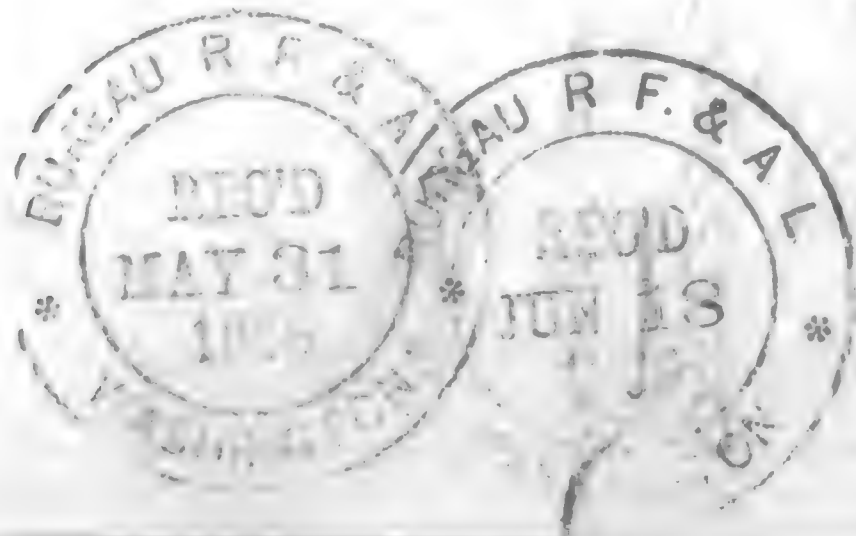
W. I.

Washington, May 30th 1866.

Wiley, M. J.

M. S. Senator,

Refers letter of Mr. J. V.
Boughner, Collector Dist. Revenue
Morgantown West Va., who writes
in behalf of John Zachariah
Heerndon, (Colo.) who desires
that his wife & children, now
living at Lynchburg Va., be sent
to him - &c.



Trans Order No 558 June 21st 1866

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office of Asst Comm^r

Balt. June 25. "66.

Respectfully returned to
Bureau R. F. & A. L. The
within named woman and
two of her children aged 20 & 11
years are now supported by Govt
at Lynchburg Va. Another
daughter aged 20 years is at work.
The mother is anxious to join
her husband with her children.
She has sent \$200 to
pay their fare, which is insuffi-
cient, and the Asst. Supt. has
written to him for more.

Geo. J. Stumm

Bot. May. Gen^l

Asst. Comm^r

War Department

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen &

Washington D.C. May 31st 1866.

Respectfully referred to the Asst. Com^r.

Does the freedwoman within named
desire to return with her children
to her husband, and are they now
supported by the Government?

Please return these papers and
give the ages of the children.

By order of

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

A. P. Ketchum

Asst. Supt.

Office A.C. M. W. Va. (IV) No. 502-1.

for the woman who shall
be returned Sept 10, with transportation
Respectfully returned to send
Washington June 19/66
Bureau of Refugees &
New Department

Collector of Internal Revenue,

SECOND DISTRICT STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Dated Morgantown, 186

In relation to

Senate Chamber
May 30. 1866.

It has occurred to me
that the Friends of Bu-
reau, might take some
interest in restoring this
woman to her husband;
and I have therefore taken
the liberty of asking
Sen. Howard's attention
to the matter. Dr. Boughner
the writer of the within
letter, is a highly respectable
gentleman, & his state-
ment may be implicitly
relied on.

Respectfully
W. J. Wiley.

Collector of Internal Revenue,

SECOND DISTRICT STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Dated Morgantown,

186

In relation to

War Department
Bureau of Refugees &
Washington June 19/66
Respectfully returned to Genl
Stannard Supt &c, with transportation
for this woman & two children
from Lynchburg to Morgantown
West Va. As the writer of this
letter is acquainted with the
residence of these freed people, it
is suggested that the transportation
be sent through him

By order of

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

A. P. Ketchum

A. A. A. General

Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue,

Second District of West Virginia.

My Dear Sir: Morgantown, May 26, 1866

"John Zachariah Herndon",
colored, and at the time a
slave, was brought within the
Federal lines on the occasion
of "Hunter's Raid", from some
point in Potomac County.
He belonged to a Mrs Anna
Holliday of Lynchburg.

"Zach" is a model fellow,
a very staid, industrious
farm hand, and has
been living for a year
past with Alexander Hess
near this place.

He left near Lynchburg
a wife and several children,
that he desires to procure
and bring further to his present
home - The fellow has often
in company with Mr Hess

From J. V. BOUGHNER,

Collector of Internal Revenue,

SECOND DISTRICT STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

*Dated Morgantown,.....*186

In relation to

Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue,

Second District of West Virginia.

Morgantown, 186

called upon me to assist him
in accomplishing the Coarcted
objects. And I have accordingly
written to Lynchburg several
times without effecting any
thing.

At last, Hess, who is much
interested in the matter,
visited Lynchburg and
found "Margaret Herndon",
and her three children.

She was almost frantic in
getting intelligence of "Jack".
Capt & B Tracy, a former
Supt. Ind. Bureau, could
not, or would not, allow
her to return with Hess
to her husband in this
County. She is being
supported by the Government,
a charge of which it can

Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue,

Second District of West Virginia.

Morgantown, 186

at once be relieved, if any
means can be adopted
to secure her migration
to her husband.

Hess informs me, so
much does he esteem
"Jack", that he will pay
\$300 to secure her return
to her husband here.

Can you advise Hess
through me, how this object
can be attained.

If the War Department
knew the fact would they
not transfer this woman
to Washington - If so Hess
will incur the expense
of bringing her here.

Very Truly
Yours W. F. Willey, J. A. W. Broughner
U. S. Senate,

W 2
Baltimore Md. June 7th 1866.

Emma J. Wilson.

States that the name of
her deceased husband was
Dr. H. Wilson but that
his name was reported
erroneously as Major E.
Wilson. He died on or about
the 5th of April 1864. at
point of rocks Hospital
D.C. having witnesses
to prove of the death of
his husband. etc.

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L. O. No. 24
Rec'd. Rec. R. F. & A. L. C. D. June 18/66

War Department
Bur. R. F. & A. Lands.
Claim Division,
Washington July 24th 1866.

(WM. H. WILSON)
Respectfully referred to
Maj. Gen. Francis Freeman,
Super. Freedmen's Affairs,
Baltimore, Md.

Claimant notified of reference.

By order of
Maj. Gen. Howard
Daniel Thomas
Capt. Galt & A. A. G.

Ab. Wm. W. (W) 501-2.

Baltimore June 7th 1866

Dear sir: I write a statement to you concerning of
Wm H Wilson case this man

Died about the 5th of march 1864 at point of
rocks Hapit V A an he was not reported to his commanding
officer of his company and
captain Dillenback did not have any record of this Death

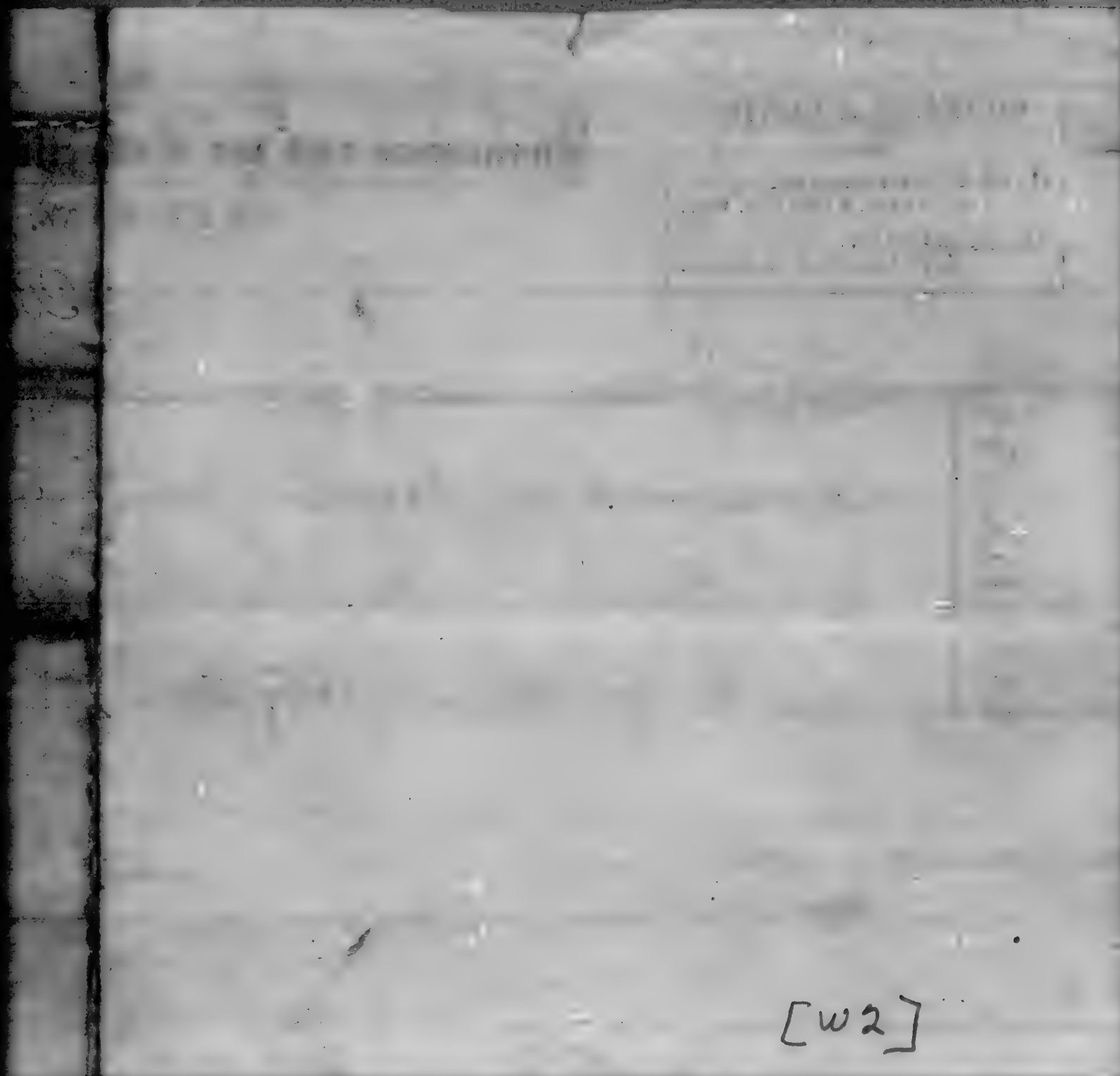
an when he was reported to Washington Dead he was reported
mason E wilson instead of wm H wilson an there is
where the greete mistake is been made in the
name it was no man in the 4th U S Coloured Regiment
by the name of mason E wilson the very time this
mason E wilson was reported Dead that is the very time Wm H
wilson

Died an he is suppose to be the man the only Difference
is the name was reported wrong there is men that belong
to the same company that wm H wilson belong to will
certify to his Death at any time if it is necessary
this case has been pending a long time an if captain
Dillenback had have done what he said he would an
the case would have been settle by this time Major Fowler
is stated to you the last time where in Washington that col
have received a certified of Mason E Wilson Death

it was not a certificate it was only a Letter
i would have sent my papers Down sooner But i could not
get them this is my state claim and my government ^{claim} is in
file in washington and this is the receipt for my papers

Major Fowler please let me hear
from you soon

Direct your Letter to no 11 East St
in the care of John H. Johnson for Emma
J Wilson. Baltimore Md



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BURNSIDE & GUSTIN.

J. O. P. Burnside,
LATE CAPT. & C. S. U. S. VOL.
R. P. Gustin,
LATE AUDITOR Q. M. OFFICE.

AGENCY FOR

Insurance and the Collection and Purchase of Government Claims,
OFFICE, No. 15 SOUTH GAY STREET.

Baltimore, Md. Jan. 3rd 1866.

duplicate

Received of Mrs. Emma D. Wilson a claim
for Govt. and State Bounties, which I have
filed for the purpose of collecting her bounty.

R. P. Gustin

per Steiner

W. S. Burleigh, U.S. Army, 1861-1862.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &
Hd. Qu. Capt. Commission
Baltimore, Md. Sept. 24, 1862.

Wegel, Gen. H.
Bvt. Col. & Chief Inspector

Report investigation
of an alleged outrage,
upon one Hamilton Dark-
ley, a Freedman, living
near Salisbury, Md. by a
number of white men

Recd. Capt. Com. - Md. Sept 24 1862

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
HEADQUARTERS OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Baltimore, Md.

September 24th 1866

St. Major General C. M. Gregory
Assistant Commissioner B. R. F. & A. L.
General.

I have the honor to report, that in obedience to orders from these Head Qrs. dated Sept 17th I proceeded to Salisbury M^d, for the purpose of investigating an alleged outrage, upon one Hamilton Parkeley a Freedman, near that place - by a number of white men, who were under the lead of one Columbus Anderson - as per accompanying letter of the Complainant -

I found upon investigation that the Mother and Youngest Child, were taken to the house of Isaac Anderson - (father of Columbus Anderson) where they remained one week - They have been sent back, and paid for the time, they were

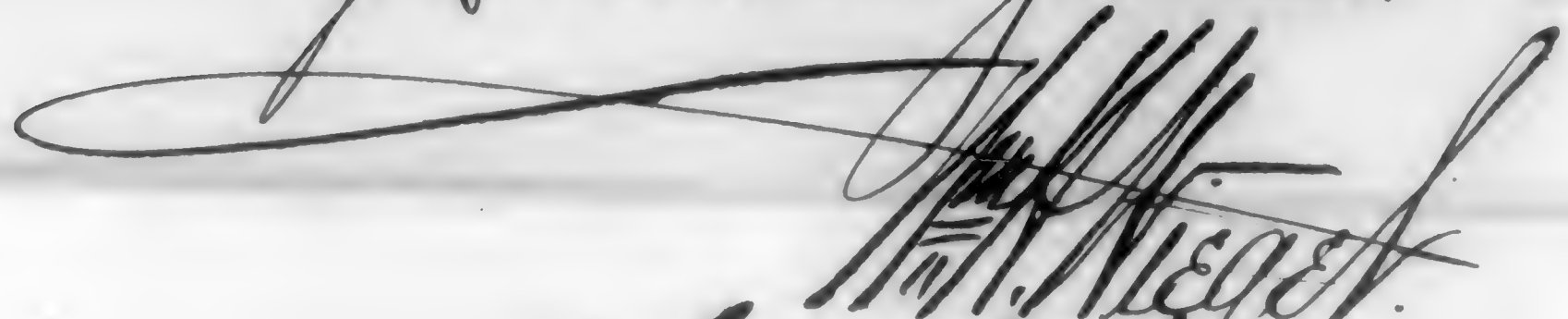
absent - and the mother + all the children
are now with and under the care of the father -

I have the honor to report, that the
General Condition of the Freedmen in Somerset Co
is very good, and that they are working well.
~~and~~ The contracts between them and their employers
are faithfully observed. The Schools, though few
in number, are well attended, the Old and
Young, evincing great eagerness to learn.

I am General.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant.


W. M. Negot.
Biol & Chief Inspector.

W. J. Burkh. Treasurer.

Clerk's Office Circuit
Court of Howard Co. Md.
Ellicotts Mills Oct. 10 1866.

Hatkins, W. W.
Clerk

Reports that no murders
have been committed by
or on Goldmin in Howard
Co. Md.

W

Rec. of H. Com. Md. Oct. 10 1866

Clerks Office Ellicotts Mills
Howard County, Maryland
Nov. 10. 1866

Bar. Maj. Gen. E. M. Gregory
Assistant Commissioner
Bn. R. Y. and A. L. State. M. d.

Sir,

I am in receipt of a communication from your office, in which you request that I should at my earliest convenience, forward to your Hon. Qrs. from this office all records of my office, the number, (without names) of murders committed by or on Freedmen in my County since the adoption of the new State Constitution.

In answer to which, I have the gratification to report, that no case of murder has been committed in this County, since the adoption of the new Constitution, either by or on Freedmen, and consequently none such appear upon the Records of my office, all of which is respectfully Submitted.

I am Sir

Very Truly

Your Obedt. Servant

W. W. Watkins

Clerk Circuit Court Howard Co

Office Clerk of Circuit Court
of Somerset Co. Md. Oct. 12, 1866.

Woolford, Levin.
Clerk Circuit Court.

Reports one case of murder
by freedmen on a freedman
in Jan. last. in Somerset Co.
Md.

Recd. Capt. Somers. Ind. Oct. 16, 1866.

Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court
for Somerset County Md. 12 Oct. 1866

Sir -

In answer to your inquiry made in
Communications in regard to murders in Somerset
County by or upon Freedmen Since the present
Constitution was in force = I respectfully report
that the records of this office show that one
murder was committed on or about the fifteenth
day of January A.D. 1865 on the person of one freedman
by one or more freedmen = This is the only case
which has occurred in Somerset County Since the
adoption of the Constitution, of which I have any
official information =

I am very respectfully yours

Wm. Woolford

Clerk
of the Circuit Court for
Somerset County Md.

Maj. Genl. E. M. Gregory
Asst. Comd. Bn. R.F.A. State Md.
Baltimore City

Gr. - 1A - Rec. R. F. P. C. - L. - Dec. 1866.

Beaver Creek, Washington Co.
Md. Dec. 1866.

Witmer, Daniel

Reports that a young
Colored man has lost
his leg by accident
and requests assistance
from the Govt. in furnish-
ing him with an artificial
limb.

Answered Dec. 6, 1866.

Recd. Capt. Corrie. Md. Dec. 6, 1866.

Beaver Creek Washington Co. M D

Gen. E. M. Gregory

Dear Sir at the request of
A young Colored freedman who lost a limb left leg
amputated below the knee six inches by accident and
now thrown upon his own responsibility for support
I am referred to you Sir to know whether you can by
Authority of the government do anything by way of furnishing
the young man with a limb by which he could be able
to work his own way. (He is this Negro woman)
I have made this application to you at the Test of the young
man who can procure a Certificate from the Doctor Smith
who amputated his limb and gave all the circumstances of the
young man should you deem this your notice
please advise me Beaver Creek Washington Co M D

J E M Gregory

Respectfully your Daniel Webster

Ex. 11. Bu. R. F. & A. L. - Dec. 1866.

War Department
Washington City
Dec. 22 1866.

Schriver, Edward,
Inspector General.

Circular letter of in-
structions to officers and
Agt. of the Bureau, who
have public property under
their charge, to take necessary
precaution to prevent its
destruction or damage
by fire &c.

Official Copy furnished by
Capt. Maj. Ketchum, A. A. G.
Bu. R. F. & A. L. Washington, D. C.

Recd. Capt. Comr. Ind. Dec. 28 1866

War Department
Washington City
Dec 22nd 1866

Circular

Sir

The Secretary of War, directs that you immediately give instructions to all the Officers and Agents of your Bureau who have public property under their charge, to take the necessary precaution for preventing its destruction or damage by accidental fire, and also to see, by personal inspection, that the apparatus for extinguishing fires of which they have control, is in proper condition for effective use

Very respectfully
Your obt servant

(Signed)

Ed. Schrieber
Inspector General

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information ^{and guidance} of
Hon. Maj. Gen. E. M. Gregory, Asst. Com. for Maryland.

A. P. Kelchman

U. S. A. Gen.

Wilmington, Del.

3rd Mo. 29 day 1867.

Woolman Samuel

Furnishes quantities
wanted & price of lumber,
brick, nails, lath &c.
for building one & two
story school houses
in Del.

1867

Recd. Capt. Comm. Ind. & Del. April 1, 1861.

Wilmington 3rd 29 67

Dear General

A memorandum reached me from
The Timber Press of the Association
asking me to furnish cost
of fine brick &c to waiting for
School houses. Suppose &c to

means such article as it is not likely
you have on hand = On inside page

Please find Wilmington prices as
well as quantity required for a
one storied school house Also
what will be required for a
two storied house -

I find there was no demand made
in my estimate of 26th for any front
doors for the 7 houses please send
them with about 500 feet board
for stairs

Most Respectfully

Samuel Woodman

Items & prices of items for a
 one story school house
 2000 bricks $12\frac{1}{2}$ a thousand 25-
 60 Bushels lime 50 30
 1 keg nail 7
 2000 plastering lath $4\frac{1}{2}$ 10
 900 feet roofing 64 5950
 2 pipes for ventilation 24 400
 \$13550

Prices of items for a 2 storied house
 5000 bricks $12\frac{1}{2}$ 6250
 150 bushels lime 50 7500
 3 kegs nail 7 2100
 3500 plastering lath $4\frac{1}{2}$ 1575-
 1300 feet warrens roofing 64 8450
 \$25875

Our Board has come to the conclusion to confine
 themselves to one story houses after Dover. Seaford & Milford
 probably there will be 10 or 12, one story wanted but
 cannot tell positively

Respectful Samuel Woolman

W. H. B. R. F. & L. M. & Del. 1867

Centerville, Tenn. Am. C. Ind.

March 30 1867.

Wooters, James
Clerk C. Comm.

States that it is not in the
power of the C. Comm. to
furnish information in
regard to Unfortunate Col-
ored people.

Refers one case of Insanity

Ref. aft. Comm. Ind. & Del. Sept. 2 1867.

Centre Villa, Queen Anne's County, Md.
March 30. 1867.


Lieut. E. C. Knower,
Sir:

Your note of the 25th inst.
only reached me on yesterday, or it would
have been answered ere this.

The information sought by Gen. Gregory in
regards to the Blind, Deaf &c. of the colored
people in this County, it is not in the power of
the County Commissioners to furnish, as no records
of that description is in their office, and they are
entirely without data from which to furnish either a
partial or reliable statements, with the exception
of one case of insanity where the person is cared
for at the expense of the County and beyond the
Alms House -

I am Sir,

Yours Very Resply
James Wothers, Clerk
County Commissioners.



Wm. H. L. 15-20-21
Cumberland
Alleghany Co,
Ind,
Aug. 6th - 1867

Wm. H. L.

State that he is about to orga-
nize a Temperance Society
and requests that Pledges &
Cts. of Memberships be sent
to him,

Wm. H. L.

Recd. Aug. 10th 1867

Cumberland Aug 6th 67
Gen. Greig

Dear General having the
interest you take in the well
fare of our people I feel
free in asking that you will
have the kindness to have
sent to me, as soon as convenient
a copy of a Temperance
arrangement gotten up by
Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard. I think
the prospects are fine for
doing much good in
that line, Most Respectfully
Yrs W. S. Wilson

Cumberland Ind

August 22nd 67

William H. S.

Reports the Temperance
cause flourishing, but
the School not in so
good condition,

Answered. Aug. 28th 67

Recd. from Wm. H. S. Aug. 28th 67

Cumberland Aug 22d 1867
Lieut Edward C. Ruderer
Dear Sir I had the honor to
receive on the Eleventh Inst your
Very Kind note also a package
your prompt Response & aid
is satisfactory Evidence to us
that we have your ~~sympathy~~
In the great work of elaboration
of our Race; I have been at this
Post some 18 Months without the
amount of success that I could wish
having come to the conclusion that
Intemperance was the strong
hold of the Enemy here, I determined
to make a kind of flank movement
by raising a Temperance Division
Happily your communication came
on the morning of the very day
I had determined to make the attack
& was a great reinforcement; and

though some what I doubt I
made the effort with more
greater success than I could have
imagined. The first meeting was held
on the 11th we have formed a
Division with 40 or 80 members
and hold weekly meetings & still they
come & I can not doubt but that we
shall carry the place in time so
far as the Colored people are
concerned that being done I feel certain
that a solid foundation is laid
for all moral & Religious Improvement
we shall need a little more information
in the way of Management so
you will please send us those
other documents of which you
speak in your note & oblige, In
regard to what has been done
toward the School house I regret
to have to say that so far as I
can learn nothing definite has
been done & I am afraid will

not at least
see what Col
the Colored
when it is
not likely be
preventing them
possibly be done
left in charge
I rather think
a heavy good
since it in the
a School Com
merely names
Collection &
In our church
& that is the
the matter of
Respectfully &

at I'm doubt I
with Murt etc
I could have
meeting was held
re formed a
80 members
estings & still they
but that we
entire so.
2 people are.
done I feel certin
ation is laid
Religious, Improvment
more informatio
agement to
send us this
of which you
& of life; I'm
has been done
house I regret
so far as I
definite has
spread will

not at least until after it is
seen what Congress will do for
the colored people in this State
when it is clear that one will
not likely be hurt in the acts of be
funding them then something may
possibly be done; the gentleman
left in charge of that School busin
I rather think is at present all they
a heavy good man is a little
weak in the knees - true he has
a School Committee - but this is
merely nominal - there was a small
collection & subscription taken
in our church 2 Sabbaths ago
& that is the last I have heard of
the matter yours most
Respectfully J. C. W. Wilson

Wm. H. & Co. New York

Harold Grace

Ind. Sept. 5th 1867

Ernest Bailey

Asks information as to
when the Certificate
of Pay & Bounty for En.
Scribn. & Tabatha Miller
will be ready for payment

Recd. Aug. 10th 1867

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Harrods Grace Maryland Sept 5 - 67
Col. Wm H. Kiegel,

Sir, I am informed by
Hon. E. B. French, Second Auditor Treasury
Department, that two Certificates for pay and
bounty, respectively in favor of John Dorbin, and
Lilitha Miller (colored) both of Harford County
Md. have been forwarded to you to be delivered to
the proper persons. Said Dorbin, and Miller
desires me to enquire of you, what proof if any will
be required of them to satisfy you that they are the
rightfull claimants of said certificates.
would the presentation of the letter of Hon. E. B.
French to me stating that the claims were settled
and forwarded to you &c. answer the purpose,
The parties propose coming down in about two
weeks & not doubting that the paymaster will honor
the certificates, please give your address, and
state hours of business.

Respectfully
Write to him and ask
for the address of Dorbin
& Miller

Evan Bailey

17-18 March 1897

St. Petersburg Dec

Sept. 9th 17-

Gullock Jm R.

Recd.

I have with a copy of resolution
and pass by the Sec. Agent
on Sept. 8th 1867.

Recd. Capt. Ten. - 574 rec. Sept. 10th 67 -

DELAWARE ASSOCIATION FOR THE
Moral Improvement and Education of the Colored People.

Wilmington, Sept. 7th 1867.

Maj. Genl E M Gregory,
Asst Commis^r -

Dear Sir -

I have
the pleasure of transmitting to you by order of the Del.
Asso^c, the following resolution passed at a meeting of
the As^s held Sept. 5th 1867 -

"Resolved - That this Association has learned with great
pleasure of the liberal action of the African School Society of this
City in placing its buildings and funds at the disposal of
our Executive Committee for the purpose of establishing a
Normal School for Colored Teachers; That we hereby tender our
grateful acknowledgements to that Society and also to the
Freedmen's Bureau, for the assistance that has enabled us
to repair and improve the Normal school house; and that
we cordially endorse the action of the Executive Com-
mittee in accepting these opportunities, and in their
efforts to inaugurate a movement so important
and useful -"

Wm. R Bullock.

Secy of Del. Assⁿ

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Sept 10, 1868.

Bt Capt. E. C. Knower

Agent Bureau

Capt

Baltimore Md.

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for harmby &c in the case of the following-named _____ soldiers:

Frederick Williams, F. Co. 19, Regt. U. S. C. I

Wm Bennett B. " 7 " " "

also papers in claims for transfer to county of David Kelly, Landman W. S. "New Hampshire"
Jacob Ross, " " "St Lawrence,"

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

William R. Drew

Agent in Ch. Div.

H. S. Burket & A. L. 1257 Dec. 1868-

Wilmington Del.

January 29th 1868

Herman Saml.

States that Elizabeth Morris
daughter of Henry C. Morris
was forcibly taken from her
father about 18 months ago by
one Wm L. Simard, who has
since been tried for assault on
H. C. Morris, but the verdict is
not known.

Enc (1) Enclosure

and returned 3/1/68

Enclosure letter, returned
Feb 7th 1868
1868
within 10 days of the date
of, and will be prosecuted by
the State, etc.

Recd. C. L. Comm. 1257 Dec. Jan. 31st 1868

DELAWARE ASSOCIATION FOR THE
Moral Improvement and Education of the Colored People.

Wilmington, 14th Mo 29th 1868
Capt C. C. Knower

Respect Friend

At the request of the Del
Association I went to Laurel and made a
minute inquiry of Henry C. Norris concern
ing the detention of his daughter
Elizabeth Norris Henry C. Norris
states that William S. Siman came to
his house in company with another man
one used an axe the other held a hammer
and broke into Henry C. Norris' house &
searched it and took the child away
in a wagon all the while threatening the
life of H. C. Norris if he made any resistance
or made any effort to recover the child from
their possession ^{this} all occurred more than 18 mos
since - Since then Wm S. Siman has been
arraigned & tried for assault & battery on H. C. N.
but Norris did ^{not} know what the verdict was
During the trial Siman tried to justify his act
under some indenture but none could be found

and a Squire their witness denies ever binding
the child to any person. Siman
professes to hold by indenture from John
Morris who formerly held the Father a
Slave but was set free by will of J Morris'
Father at the age of 33 - but the child was born
before that time. The Habeas Corpus
was suggested to him by Jacob Moore states
attorney but he has been afraid to try in his weak
and illiterate condition.

Sevan Morris and Noah Morris
Sons of Sirrina Morris (born out-wedlock
while the mother was held as slave by John
Morris - ^{all of either creek humbugg crosses to see} The said Sevan and Noah
Morris are now held by the said John Morris
and their Mother & friends denied any intercourse
with them. - John Morris is at the bottom of
all these cases and justified his course by saying
they would loaf about free Negro huts

Most Truly and Sincerely

Thy Friend

Samuel Newman

To the Honorable the President of the Senate

Wilmington Del,
Feb. 6th 1868

Woolman Lane.

Encloses copies of Records
of Deeds for Sussex Co Del,
certifying that no bill of Indem-
nity of Elizabeth Morris is
found recorded, and states
that he has taken the
care and pains with
great hope of success.

One Enc. herewith

Res. Amos J. Del. Feb. 7th 1868

DELAWARE ASSOCIATION FOR THE
Moral Improvement and Education of the Colored People.

Wilmington, June 6th 1868

Respect Friend

Capt Knower

Friend Knibe desired me to
acknowledge the receipt of the
copies of Judge Chase's Opile
and send 2.00 the cash paid for
the same - myself & Harrington
have taken the Morris case in hand
with great hope of success.

I will advise of the result when the
case terminates

My Friend

Samuel Hartman

State of Delaware } Geo M Davis Recorder of Deeds
Supery County }
do hereby Certify that I have made
diligent search in my office, and
that I find no Record of an Indenture
binding Elizabeth Morris, to William
& Simon, now remaining of
Record in said office.

Given under my hand and Seal of said office
this February the 22^d A.D. 1868

Geo. M. Davis Recorder,

2. H. H. - 4. A. C. Bask. 1. 28
Edna H. + } O. Lando
Washington D.C.
Oct. 29th 1868

Dear Sir,
Agst. in charge Claim Unit,

Encloses copy of letter from
the Comm. of Pensions, re-
ferring adversely on the
claim of Eliza, mother of
Theodore Williams. - "I" 30"

Claimant's wife
of Theodore Williams

Rev. Mr. H. H. Bask. A. C. Bask.

War Department,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDOMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
CLAIM DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., Oct 29th, 1868.

Pl Capt. E. C. Knower M. A.
Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Baltimore, Md.

Captain:

I am directed to enclose herewith copy of
letter from the Commr of Pensions, reporting
adversely on the claim of Eliza, mother of
Theodore Williams, late Priv. I. Co 30th M. I. C. S.

Very respectfully, &c.

William R. Drew.
Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Chief of Claim Division

(C. B. 3061.)

Dept of the Interior,
Pension Office

Washington 9th Oct. 1868.

Sir:

In the claim of Eliza, mother of Theodore Williams, No. 136,366, was rejected 10th February 1868, there being no sufficient evidence of her dependence on him for support. Upon a re-examination of the claim, in connection with additional testimony filed, there appears no cause for admission. It appears from the evidence that William was 15 years old, and furnished support for two years, but contributed nothing after his enlistment. Witnesses state that the information was given them by claimant, Affidavits taken November, 1867. Alexander Thomas, one of the above witnesses gives testimony 19 May, 1868, that claimant was dependent 12 years upon her son, he paying her five dollars per month, also seven dollars a month while in the service, and saw the money put into a letter directed to the claimant.

A. Thomas

Respectfully yours
(Sgt) Chris C. Cox.
Commissioner

William Fowler,
Freedmen Bureau
Wash. D.C.

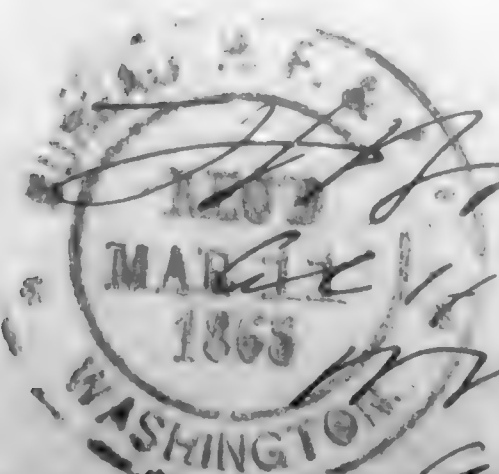
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Ballimore Md,
March 12 1868

Knight, Saml. J.
Special Agt. & C.
Tender his resignation as S. A.
and Dist. Officer of this Bureau
to take effect on the morning of
March 21st 1868-

Bureau of Refugees & A. R.
Hq. Gr. Art. Com. Md & Del.
Balti. Md. March 10 1868-

Respectfully appears and
presents to Comm. Ref. & A. R.
U. S. Hq. Gr. Washington
D. C. for his information,
Attention also invited to
written communications -


Wm. J. Knight
S. A.
March 10 1868

War Department
Bureau A. R. & S.
Washington March 12/68

Respectfully re-
turned to Genl. H.
Brooks Asst Comm.
of Maryland with
letter of revocation
Enclosed as requested
By order of
Maj Gen. Howard
J. Phillips
A. A. G. S.

Approved: J. H. ...

Official Copy furnished
to S. J. Knight

ER

HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
DIST. OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE,
No. 12 NORTH ALVERT STREET.

Officer Disbursing Officer
Baltimore, Md., March 7th 1868.

General:

Having an opportunity to enter upon
business that I hope may prove more permanent
than the appointment I hold, I have decided
to accept a new position.

I therefore tender my resignation as Special
Agent and Disbursing Officer Bu. R. F. & A. L.
to take effect on the morning of the 21st March '68.

Assuring you of my kind regard for your-
self and the prosperous and harmonious working of
the Bureau, trusting that it may prove in the
future what it has been in the past - a blessing
to the Colored People, and the Country in general,

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant,

To

Act. Brig. Genl. H. Brooks, U.S.A.

Ast. Commissioner

Saml. I. Wright

Special Agt. and D.O.

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Washington, March 12, 1868.

Dr. Brig. Genl. A. Brooks
Assistant-Commissioner,

Baltimore Md

Genl

In accordance with your request of March 10th 1868
the appointment of Mr. Saml J. Wright as a Disbursing Officer
in the State of Maryland made July 29, 1867 from
this Office, is hereby revoked to date March 11, 1868 - he having
resigned.

By order of Maj. - Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

E. H. Hildesey
Act. Asst. Adj. General.

11/16
Centerville Queen Anas Co Ind
April 27th 1868

Martin J. H.

States that the mother of the
two boys George Samuel is dead
and that Lilly Johnson is their
mother's sister. The children were
brought to him, but he is willing
to give them up to any one authorized
by the Bn.

Ent. 2, C.B. 444, no. 160-

The Bureau can deputize any
one for it to receive the child
when it is so used by the
Bureau it can make such
disposition of it as the good
of the child requires

H. Stockbridge

Case closed see Remarks
on letter of Watson dated May 6/68
Recd. Asst Com. Ind. Del. April 25th 1868

Sent an order ^{May 1}
for Watson to
deliver boys to Ritz,
Johnson by Fountain
Copied in L.B.,
waiting for
answer from
Posters

Centerville

Dear Sir;

April 27th 1868

The two boys, George & Samuel Chester, to whom I suppose you refer in yours of Apr. 23rd inst. - were the children of a woman named Ellen Chester who belonged to me and died in my service.

Kitty Johnson is not their mother. She was a sister of Ellen & is Aunt to these children.

The reputed father of one of these boys lives about here. The other is dead. These children became free by operation of Constitution of 1864, & I offered my servants to take them when they became free, which they declined or neglected to do. I went before the Court in the Spring of 1865, told the Court they were in my hands & would like some provision made for them. - Court insisted on my taking them, which I finally consented to do as indemnity & recoup for their maintenance & support while young. They were bound to me in May 1865.

I am ready to give them up at any time if requested to do so. They are now at my house and if the means

are furnished to defray expenses, will
send them anywhere -

I will deliver them here (as
one calling for them by your authority).

I would prefer not to deliver
them to Kitty Schell since she has
never manifested any interest in
them behalf, but I will even
deliver them to her upon your
authority - I am not desirous

at all to keep them, but am
sure that it would be for their
interest to remain with me -

I have them service, for their
support will be a small matter of
compensation for balance of the year.

I do not wish to
detain them from anyone
anything for you to receive them

yours respectfully

J. W. Patterson

Greenland, Green & Co., Inc.

May 69/868

Samuel J. H.

State that he has given up
the in lay Sam George to
then pretended mother Kitty
Johnson.

Case closed June 2, 1858

- - Fournier called
and conferred ~~statement~~
Mr. Watson's statement

Have Hyde also close
case.

Rec. Com. Ind. & C. 1892-1893

Centrantho Md
Mr Edward C Knowen ^{May the 6th 1868}
Sir

This is to say that I have delivered
those Negro boys Sam & George
that was bound to me by the
Alphamt court of queen anne county
to their pretend mother Hitty
johns & feel very much relieved
by getting shed of them & to
satisfy you that I have deliver^d
the boys I have witnesses to
sign this paper

yours respectfully
J. W. Watson

test Catherine Covington

test Nathaniel Moore

Blank form of *Lein*
to be taken ^{as} from as before
building on Courtland St.
Balt. Md. for funds appropriated
also by the U. S. Govt. for rental,
repairs or construction.

file

W. H. ...
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
WASHINGTON, *July 21st* 1868.

signed by me
The Asst. Commr. for Md. is
hereby authorized to expend for
rental, repairs, or construction,
the sum of \$2,000, over and above
that already expended, for the
Normal School House at the corner
of Courtland and Saratoga Sts.
Balt. Md. The within paper
properly signed and acknowledged
shall be deemed a sufficient
voucher for the expenditure, provided
the requirements of the Bureau,
as to the use for the land, be
complied with.

O. D. Howard

EB } *Major Genl. Commissioner*
269 }
July }

Recd. Asst. Commr. Bureau July 24th 1868

11. 121-122 73
Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c
Washington D.C.
June 18th 1868

Drew Hump
Agst. in charge Claims Division

On above I discharge the follow-
ing names men & wife & child
W. C. I. whose claims for bounty &c
have been allowed, and the Com.
set opposite their respective
names is on the right of the
Chief S. C. for assistance
to claimants

✓ Wm. E. Matthews Agt. C. 1107
✓ Wm. H. Jackson Pat. " 14529

Agst. Acting S. C. 1107 & 14529
in Claim Book.

have closed Feb 26th 68. Jackson
have closed March 4th 68. Matthews.

✓
H. A. H. Com. Paid & Sett. June 2nd 68

11. 121-122 73
Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c
Washington D.C.
June 18th 1868

War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., June 18th., 1868

For Brig. Genl. J. C. Dooks, U. S. A.
Asst. Commr. Dist. Baltimore, Md:
General:

I am directed to enclose herewith
the discharges of the following named men, late
of the 4th U. S. C. Troops, whose claims for bounty
&c, are allowed, and the amounts set opposite
their respective names in the hands of the C. D. O.
of this Bureau, for remittance to them:
Wm. E. Matthews, Sergt. Co. "C" \$ 100.00
John B. Jackson, Pvt. " " 145.20

Please acknowledge receipt of discharges
giving number of this letter.

I am, General,

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Wm. P. Drew.

Agent, in charge Division.

(CD 1226)

B. L. B. = 31-Buty C. D. Md. & Del.

Bureau of P. & A. L.
Claim Division
Washington D. C.
March 5 1868.

Howe A. G.
Brigadier General U. S. Army

Acknowledging receipt of
papers in the additional bounty
claim of William E.
Mathews. do "C" 4. U. S. A.

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, March 5 1868

St Brig Genl H. Brooks

Asst Commr. Dist.

Baltimore, Md.

General

I am directed by Major-General C. C. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for addl bounty ——— in the case of the following-named discharged soldiers:

Wm E. Matthews, Co. Co 4, Regt. U. S. C.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. C. Howard

Assistant Adjutant-Gen.

St Maj Genl W. J. A.

11-25-67, 12th St. & 6th St. N. W. D. C.

Bureau Refugee Fundament & A. L.

Wilmington Del

Aug. 6th 1867

Kingman E. C.
Lieut & Supt.

Forward report of schools
for month of July - and
state that they are now
closed for vacation until
September

Bureau Refugee Fundament & A. L.

No. 1st. Dept. Com. Ins. & A. L.

Balti. Md. Aug. 7th 67

Respectfully referred to S. S. Wright
Special Agent & A. L. & School Supt.
for his information.

By Command of Port. Insp. Gen. E. M. Gagny
A. C.

W. H. W. C.

Exp. 1-18-70 - No. 227 - B. H. C. C. C.
Recd. Cust. Com. Md. & Del. Aug. 7th 67

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Office Superintendent
B.R. & A.E. Dist. of Del.
Wilmington Aug. 6, 1867

Br. Col. W. H. Meigs a.s.g.
Baltimore Md

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith, enclosed Report of colored schools which were open in July, '67, and closed during the month for vacation. There are now no schools for colored children in progress throughout the State of Delaware. My application for three days leave, having been granted after the time, for which arrangements had been made by me, I will not at present avail myself of the permission. Please notify me, when to report in person, at your Hd. qtrs.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt.
Edw. L. Knower,
Lieut. & Supt. B.R. & A.E.

Depot R. & A. L. Ind. & Ill. 1867

Bureau Refugee Freedmen &c

Washington D.C.

Aug. 31st/67

2125

Whittelsey H. M.

Chief G. M. R. & A. L.

Transportation Order No. 2123

directing the issue of Transportation to Chas. W. Hildreth from Balt. to Washington & return on public business.

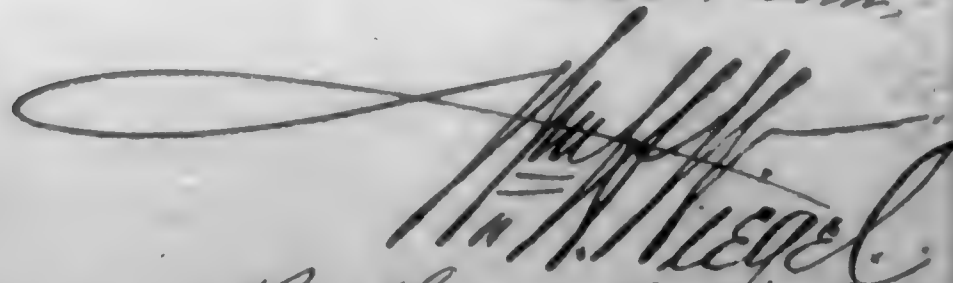
Bureau R. & A. L.

Ad. Gen. Asst. Comm. Ind. & Ill.

Baltimore Ind. Sept. 2nd 67

Respectfully referred to Mr. A. J. Wright, Special Agent, & D.C. for his information & action.

By Comm. of R. & A. L. Ind. & Ill. Gregory
Asst. Comm.



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Post. Gen. & Asst. Gen.

Recd. Asst. Comm. Ind. & Ill. Sept. 2nd 1867

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[ORDERS FOR TRANSPORTATION.]

No. 2125-

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, Aug 31st 1867.

Capt. I. P. Wright,

A.D.M. of D.C.,

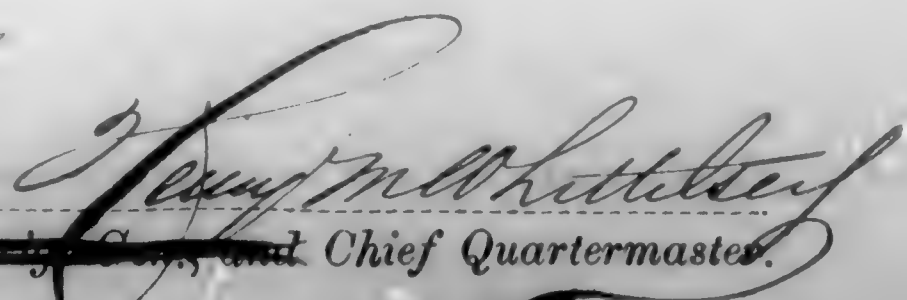
Baltimore, Md.

Issue Transportation for Chas H. Hildrith,

Clerk, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

from Baltimore Md to Washington D.C. & return.
(on public business)

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. HOWARD, Commissioner.


~~But. B. & A. Chief Quartermaster.~~

Br. M. F. & A. L. Com. ad

Balls, Md.

Sept. 5th 1867

George E. M.

Bot. Maj. Genl.

Apt. Commr

Re: Transporation
for Mrs. S. A. Armstrong
Teacher, and her mother
from New Bedford Mass to
Cecil, Md.

WRAPPER

(Enclosures.)

C.D. 349/67 Vol 2

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Chief Quartermaster,

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 1867.

Respectfully returned to Mr.

Maj. Genl. E. M. Greg-
ory, Asst Commr B.

M. F. & A. Baltimore Md.

inviting attention to
the enclosed copy of
Circular No 22, issued
by the Commissioner
July 1, 1867, as indi-
cating the manner in

which applications
for transportation for
teachers should be
made. When appli-
cation is made by the

authorities agent of the
Association employing
Mrs Armstrong transpor-
tation will be furnished

for her, but transportation
cannot be furnished ex-
cept for those who are
actually employed as
teachers

The Command of
Maj. Genl. O. S. Brown

Commissioner

James M. Whittelsey
Capt. M. F. & A.

Notified J. M. Janney Esq
to make application in
proper form

Accounts for such transportation will be paid on the order of the Commissioner, and will be made up in the following form:

THE UNITED STATES,

To _____

Dr. _____

| Date. | For cost of transportation at Government rates | Dolls. | Cts. |
|-------|---|--------|------|
| | from _____ to _____,
as per annexed statement. | | |

I CERTIFY that I performed the above journey for the purpose of entering upon my duties as teacher in Freedmen's Schools, at _____, in the State of _____, in accordance with the terms of my commission, and that it was impracticable to avail myself of the transportation orders issued on my behalf for the reason that _____, and that I paid the cost of my transportation between the points named above.

A— B—, Teacher.

I CERTIFY that A. B., duly commissioned as a teacher in Freedmen's Schools, by _____, has been transported from _____ home in _____ to _____, where _____ is now employed as such teacher.

C— D—, Agent.

I CERTIFY, on honor, that the above-named A. B. is a teacher of Freedmen's Schools employed by _____, in the State of _____.

Supt Education, State of _____

Approved and ordered paid.

Commissioner.

RECEIVED at _____ this _____ day of _____, 186 _____, of _____, the sum of _____ dollars and _____ cents, in full of the above account.

Hereafter the cost of transportation will not be refunded except in cases where application for transportation shall have been made as above contemplated, nor under any circumstances will *return* transportation be furnished or the cost thereof refunded by this Bureau.

O. O. HOWARD,
Major-General, Commissioner.

OFFICIAL:

[Signature]
Det. Brig. Gen. C. Q. M., Bu. R., F., & A. L.

Transportation for teachers.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
Washington, July 1, 1867.

CIRCULAR }
No. 22. }

The Act to continue in force and to amend "An Act to establish a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees, and for other purposes," passed July 16, 1866, contemplates that when teachers for Freedmen's Schools are provided by private benevolent associations of citizens, it shall be without cost to the Government.

When teachers are so provided, and on application therefor made to the Commissioner by the duly authorized agent of the association employing them, transportation in kind will be furnished by this Bureau for such teachers from their homes to the nearest accessible point, by the established lines of communication, to the place where it is designed they shall be employed.

When the journey shall have been actually performed, and from causes beyond the control of the teacher, it is found impracticable to use the transportation orders furnished by this Bureau, the amount that such transportation would have cost the Government may be refunded on the surrender of the orders issued.



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HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE.

Baltimore, September 5th 1862

Major Genl C. C. Howard.
Commissioner S. R. F. M. L.
Washington D. C.
General.

I have the honor
very respectfully to request that Transportation may be issued to
M^{rs} S. A. Armstrong (one of our teachers) and her mother, from
New Bedford Mass. to Easton M^d.

M^{rs} Armstrongs mother accompanies her daughter
for the purpose of opening a Boarding House for the Teachers
in that Locality.

I am General, Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.

E. M. Gregory
Major Genl
Assistant Commissioner

Baltimore Md. Oct. 1. 1867

Wright, Saml. J.
Special Agt & D. O.

Transmits bill of Phila.
& Southern Mail S. S. Co.
for transportation amounting
to \$174.30

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, Nov. 30th, 1867.

Respectfully refers to Capt. Saml.
J. Wright D. O. Approved
for payment.

Acct. 731 Dup.

1 vch. — \$174.30

Phil & S. Mail S. S. Co.

Wm. L. James Agt.

[Large handwritten signature/initials]

[Handwritten signature]

Bvt. Brig. Genl., and Chief D. O.,

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE.

Office Duty Office

Baltimore, October 1st 1867

General:

I have the honor to forward to you
herewith Bill of Phila. & Son. Mail F. J. Co.
for transportation service (as per accompanying
Bill of Lading) amounting to \$144³⁰/₁₀₀.

The Drayage \$6⁰⁰ - is erased as it
is paid by Balto. Boat per agreement.

Wm. L. James, Genl. Agt., Philadelphia
is the authorized receiver of the payment
of above account.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Saml S. Wright

Spect. Agt. and C. D. O.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

Commissioner

Washington,

D.C.

For Chf. Quartermaster

Baltimore, Md. Oct. 3/67

Wright, Saml. J.
Special Agt & G. C.

Transmits Bills of
Philada & Balto S. S. Co.
for transportation a-
mounting to \$48.15.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, Nov. 30th, 1867.

Respectfully referred to Capt. Saml.
J. Wright D.O. Approved
for payment.

Acct. 733 dup.

2 Vchrs. — \$48.15

Balto & Phila S. S. Co.

Also J. Alex. Shriver Agent

Acct. 123 Dup. Vchr. — \$40.00

Balto & Phila S. S. Co.

G. M. Rauch

Bvt. Brig. Genl., and Chief D. O.,

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

HEAD QUARTERS, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND AND DELAWARE.

Office *Disty* Office
Baltimore, October 3rd 1864.

General:

I have the honor to forward herewith
for settlement the following described Bills
for transportation service performed by the
Balto. and Philada. S. S. Co. accompanied by
perfected Bills of Lading - Viz:-

July 30th 1864 Balto. to Philada. Genl. Store \$26.15

Aug. 9th " " " " " " \$22.00.

J. Alex. Shriver is the authorized
receiver for the above mentioned accounts.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servt.

Samuel S. Wright.

Spec. Agt. and *Disty* Offr.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,

Commissioner

Washington

For Chf. Quartermaster.

D.C.

Frederick City Md
April 6th 1867

Lieut Edw^d C. Knower.

Dr. Sir.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Frederick County Almshouse held on Monday the 5th inst. they together with the Physician, made a careful examination of the Colored race, "at present" inmates of said Institution, and find the whole no to be Twenty five (25).

Adult Males 5

" Females 13

Children Males 4

" Females 3
25

Eleven (11) are afflicted as follows, of which number

| | Blind | Deaf + Dumb | Imped. or
disease | Insane | Club Foot | Rheumatism |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Adult Males | 1 and | | | 3 Partially | | 1 |
| " Females | suffering | | | 5 Partially | | 1 |
| Male Children | from Chronic | | | | | |
| Female " | Rheumatism | | | | | |
| | 1 | | | 8 | | 2 |

There ago it is impossible to learn, as also the number of afflicted in the County, the Trustees knowing of none but those who are inmates of the Almshouse

but the County Commissioners, are using every endeavor, to learn the number of unfortunate in the County, which Statement they will send you as soon as they possibly can.

Hoping this Statement, may prove satisfactory to you.

I Remain,

Yours Resp^{ly},

Wm. H. Ziegler,
Clerk to the Board
of Trustees, of
Frank Co. Almshouse.

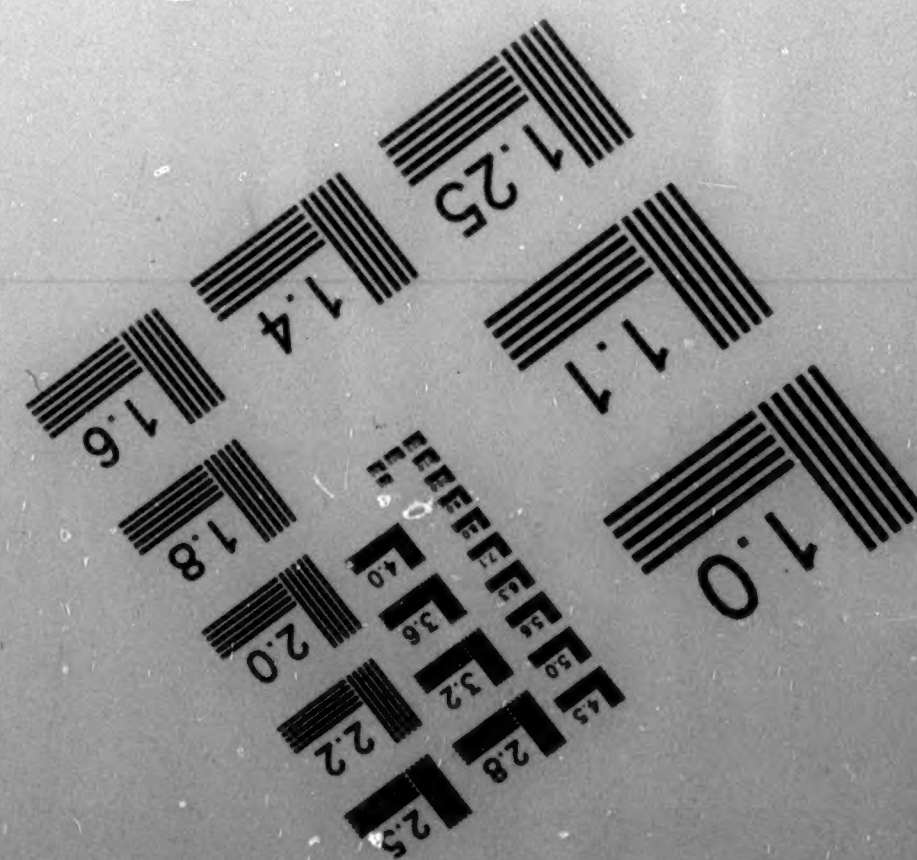
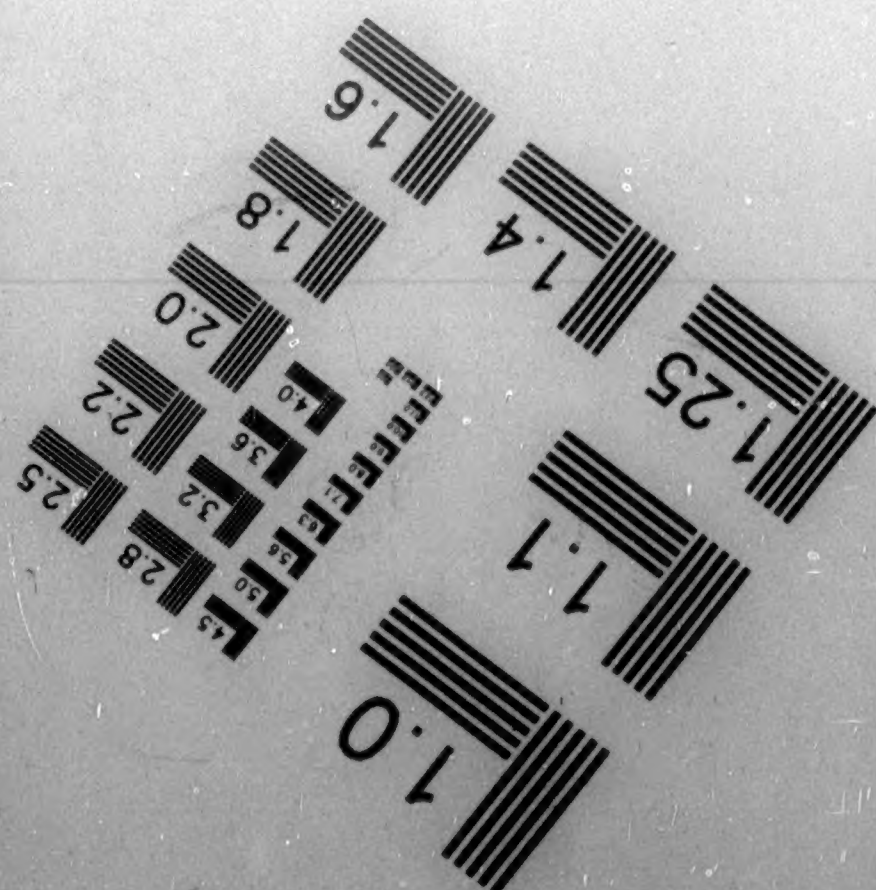
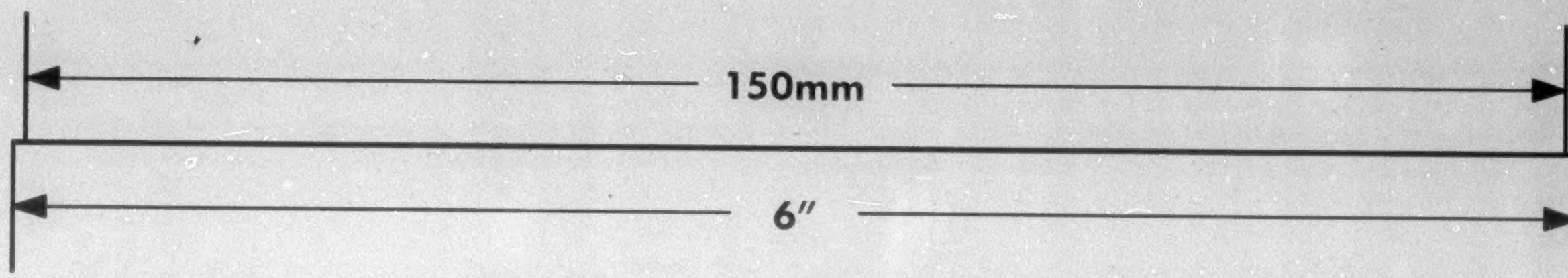
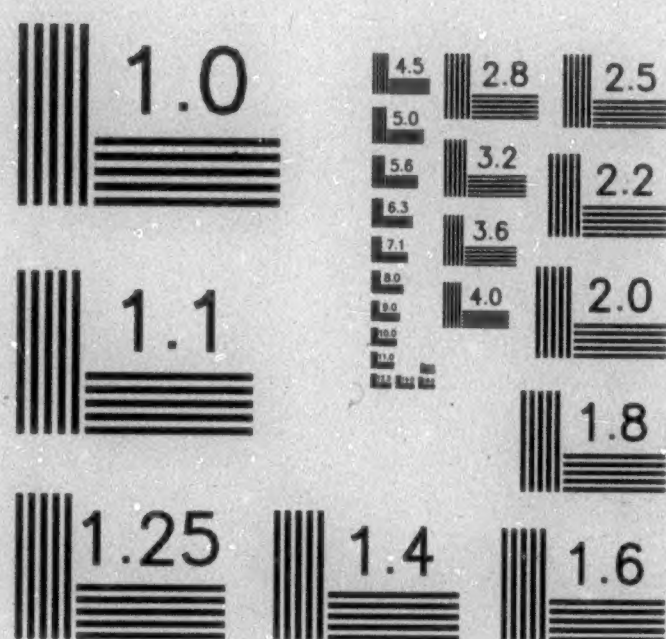
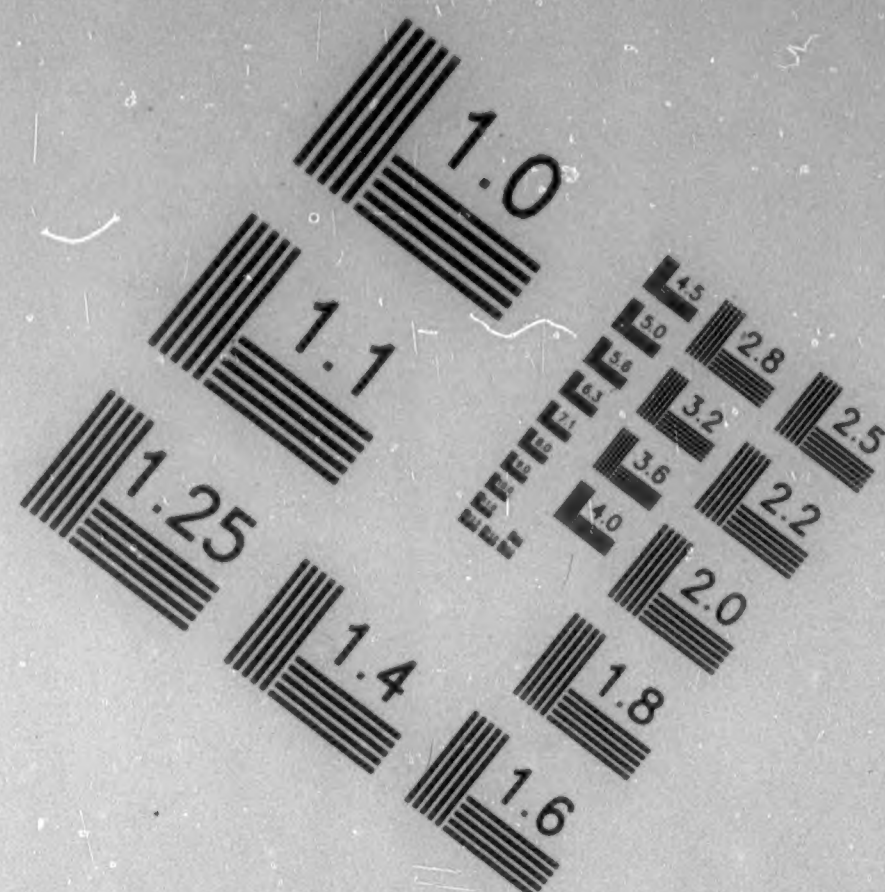
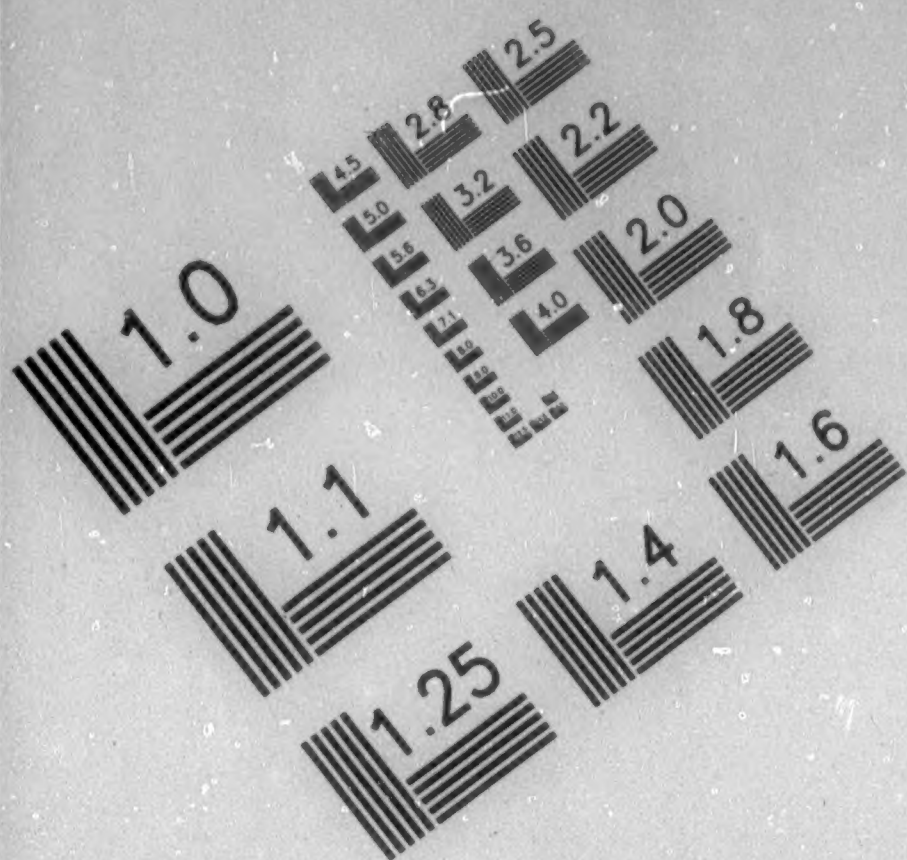
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